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MEADVILLE.

S. J. AFFANTRANGER, livery and sale stables, Meadville, is a native of the Keystone State, and has seen as much of the globe as Gen. Grant, having been in every State and most of the Territories of the Union, has made three overland journeys to California, and has been in most foreign countries; he has been three times over the Atlantic Ocean, and has circumnavigated the globe, settling down at last in his native State. He is a quiet man, attending strictly to his business, in which he has been successful. He has been a frequent contributor to the newspapers of Meadville. He makes it a rule never to be in haste to be rich, great or wise. In politics he is a Democrat; is a member of the Town Council. He was married first in Virginia, and again after the death of his first wife in 1862, having lived a widower sixteen years. Mr. and Mrs. Affantranger have four children—Celia, Virginia, May A. and Edward J. Our subject is a son of John and Josephine (Earnest) Affantranger, natives of Switzerland, and who had to work three years to pay the man who paid their passage to America. They had thirteen children, nine of whom grew up, our subject being the sixtb. He first learned blacksmithing, at which he worked for several years. He then owned and conducted a carriage factory in Indiana for eleven years. Since 1873 he has lived in Meadville. He was born in this county, April 7, 1826, and here expects to stay until higher powers call him away.

JOHN C. ANDERSON, stationer and bookseller, Meadville, was born in Meadville, September 28, 1856, and is the son of Joseph D. and Jane (Carr) Anderson, natives of this county. His father was born in 1819, and is now a resident of Wisconsin. Of his four children, John C. is the youngest. Our subject, who has been in a bookstore since thirteen years of age, went into business for himself in Meadville in 1876, and has continued here ever since. He is an active member of the fire department, being at one time Assistant Engineer. He takes a deep interest in whatever will promote the general prosperity of the citizens. In politics he is a Republican. He keeps, besides a full stock of books and stationery, wall paper and school supplies, also school furniture of all kinds.

FRED G. ANDREWS, hotel proprietor, Meadville, was born in Ashland, Ohio, December 12, 1853, son of Austin Andrews, who was also a hotel keeper, and who raised a family of three children, of whom Fred G. is the youngest. He received his education in the graded schools of Buffalo, N. Y., and early commenced to learn printing, at which he continued seven years in Toledo, Ohio. Having obtained a position on a vessel bound for Buenos Ayres, South America, he was on the ocean one year, during which he visited many foreign ports. Soon after landing in America he accepted a position in the Wheeler

Dramatic Company, with whom he remained three years, when he took a company himself on the road for a year, playing "Rip Van Winkle." He then went as clerk in Bonney's Hotel, Buffalo, N. Y., for two years, and then acted for a third year as manager. In 1883 he came to Meadville, and, in company with his elder brother, took the Commercial Hotel and the depot dining hall and lunch rooms. Fred G. Andrews was married in Toledo, Ohio, in 1882, to Gertrude Nelson, and they have one child—Grace Marie. Mrs. Andrews is a member of the Presbyterian Church. In politics Mr. Andrews is a Republican.

J. S. AUSTIN, chief train dispatcher for New York, Pennsylvania & Ohio Railroad, Meadville, was born in Canada, January 25, 1842, and is a son of Horace and Barbara Austin, both of English descent, the father a native of Mississippi, the mother of Nova Scotia. Our subject, who is the second in a family of seven children, received his education in the common schools of Portage County, Ohio. At the commencement of the war he enlisted in the First Ohio Light Artillery. He was a non-commissioned officer, and served three years. He learned telegraphy at Cleveland, Ohio, and in 1865 came to this county, where he has held various positions on the railroad staff. His marriage with Sylvia A. Lindsey took place in 1867. They have been residents of Meadville since 1869. Politically Mr. Austin is a Republican.

CHARLES J. BARRETT, of the firm of Barrett & Bros., of the Crawford County Iron Works, manufacturers of mill furnishing machinery, steam engines, etc., was born in Minnesota, July 25, 1849, and is a son of Samuel and Jeanet (Osborn) Barrett, natives of England, and who emigrated in 1834, settling in Erie City, Penn., where they now are. His father was a cabinet-maker. There are three brothers engaged in the Crawford County Iron Works (of which they are making a success)—C. J., J. O., and W. N. One brother, George, is a resident of Erie City, and all the brothers are practical mechanics.

SAMUEL P. BATES, LL.D., the subject of this sketch, has been chiefly noted as an author, though his life has been singularly devoted to active pursuits. His writings have been principally upon educational and military themes. His histories of the battles of Gettysburg and Chancellorsville, two of the most sanguinary and important, in a military view, of any during the long years of fratricidal warfare, have made his name more widely known than any of his published works, having received elaborate notice in the English press, and been highly commended by the leading Generals in both the Union and Confederate Armies, as well as by eminent English and French military critics. The first, however, of his literary ventures was a volume of Lectures on Education, which has passed through several editions and has attained a wide circulation.

Mr. Bates was born on the 29th of January, 1827, in Mendon, Mass., where his ancestors for several generations had resided. His father, Laban Bates, and his mother, Mary (Thayer) Bates, lived to celebrate their golden wedding, and died at the verge of eighty years. He was educated in the Worcester Academy, and at Brown University under the Presidency of Dr. Francis Wayland, graduating in the class of 1851. He was noted in his college days for his proficiency in the mathematics and in philosophy, several premiums having been awarded him in competitive examinations. The first year after leaving college was devoted to the study of English literature, chiefly the writings of Milton and Shakespeare. For five years subsequent he was employed in teaching the ancient languages at Meadville, Penn.—which he has made his home—and in the meantime gained a local reputation as a lecturer on educational topics and instructor at teachers' institutes. During the four years in which he was at the head of the Meadville Academy, he organized teachers'

classes, before which he delivered, annually, courses of lectures on the science and practice of teaching, which gave the first impulse toward establishing normal schools in this section of the State. In 1857 Mr. Bates was elected Superintendent of the schools of Crawford County for a term of three years. This was one of the largest and most influential counties in the State, having an area nearly equal to the entire arable surface of Rhode Island. Here was presented a wide field for the exercise of his well-defined views of education, and he soon acquired a State reputation for ability and efficiency in educational work. It was at this period that he collected together the lectures which he had delivered before educational bodies, which were published by Messrs. A. S. Barnes & Co., of New York, as one of the volumes of their popular Teacher's Library, under the title of *Lectures on Mental and Moral Culture*. This was soon followed by a little work entitled *Methods of Conducting Teachers' Institutes*, which was also made one of the numbers of the Teachers' Library, and which has had a large sale, having become the handbook for conducting these useful and popular institutions. At the end of his first term, in 1860, he was re-elected Superintendent and commissioned for a second term, but soon afterward resigned to accept the office of Deputy State Superintendent of Schools, tendered him by Dr. Thomas H. Burrowes, under the administration of William F. Packer. This position he held for a period of six years, and devoted a large portion of his time to the holding of County Institutes, on one occasion being in the four corner counties of the Commonwealth on four successive weeks. During this period he became widely known by his labors in the National Teachers' Association, before which body he delivered his address on *Liberal Education*, at its meeting at Ogdensburg, N. Y., in 1864, which was published in *Barnard's American Journal of Education*, and also in pamphlet form, in which it had a wide circulation. It was in this address that the diverse pronunciation of the ancient languages was pointedly referred to, and the necessity of professional training for instructors in the higher institutions strongly urged. His views produced a deep impression in educational circles, and was the origin of the agitation which soon followed upon the subject of founding a great national university, where persons destined to become professors in colleges and universities might obtain a thorough training in the science of education.

At this period, in recognition of his labors in the educational field, the degree of LL. D. was conferred upon him, a compliment fairly earned, and judiciously bestowed. In the last year of his first term as Deputy State Superintendent, he was designated by Gov. Curtin to visit the colleges of the Commonwealth and report upon their condition. This was a delicate duty, as the authorities generally consider themselves independent of all outside supervision, and regard any intrusion with a jealous eye. But so judiciously was the work performed, that the reports brought out a vast fund of information respecting the history and condition of these institutions, and led, in several instances, to radical improvements in their organizations and methods of instruction. These reports were published, and widely circulated in the journals of the day, but never have been collected in book form, which their great value richly merited. During the first year of his service in the office of Superintendent he was employed by Edward F. James, of Westchester, to prepare a digest and brief exposition of the school law of the State, for insertion in his volume of *Township and Local Laws*. This proved an arduous undertaking, as heretofore no systematic guide for the administration of the school system had ever been given, and his work formed the basis of the full exposition which was soon after issued from the School Department, and

which he himself revised and re-wrote in the subsequent administration. The forms of report books now used by teachers throughout the State were devised and prepared by him, monthly reports having previously been made on loose sheets, liable to be lost or destroyed, and often never distributed nor used. His thorough acquaintance with the practice of teaching enabled him to systematize the operations in the central office, and many of the forms and methods for the administration of the school system, even to its minutest details, are due to his guiding hand. After pursuing a thorough course in the Boston School of Physical Culture, he prepared a series of articles upon this subject profusely illustrated, which were published in the *School Journal* of Pennsylvania. Each article was accompanied by copious notes on the preservation of health, together forming a complete treatise, though never issued in book form. Deeming him eminently fitted, both by capacity and culture for the dfficult and delicate work, Andrew G. Curtin, who was then in the Executive Chair, appointed him, in 1866, State Historian, an office created by act of the Legislature for the purpose of gathering the material and setting in an enduring form a complete account of the organizations which went forth from the State to do battle for the Union when threatened by a rebellion unparalleled in the world's annals. To write of events that transpired ages ago, where the material is ample, is comparatively easy; but to gather up the fragmentary annals of campaigns scarcely finished, and weave from them veritable narratives which shall stand the criticism of the men who were a part of the great transactions, is a far more difficult and embarrassing task, and requires for its accomplishment a degree of patience and painstaking, of careful discrimination and wise judgment rarely possessed. For seven weary years he was unceasingly employed, and the result was published by the State, at an expense of nearly a quarter of a million of dollars, in five super royal octavo volumes of over 1,400 pages each, entitled *History of Pennsylvania Volunteers*, and forms an enduring monument of the patriotism of the State, and of the research and taste of its author.

Upon the completion of this labor, Mr. Bates was immediately engaged to write the *Lives of the Governors of Pennsylvania*, a work of over 500 octavo pages, and is one of the pleasantest, and most absorbingly interesting of his many works. Closely following this was a work entitled the *Martial Deeds of Pennsylvania*, published in royal octavo form of some 1,100 pages, illustrated with maps and charts and over eighty portraits of distinguished officers and civilians made famous during the war. It was also published in quarto form in red line edition at an expense of $50 per copy. The matter is divided into three parts: Part I., general history; Part II., biographical sketches of officers; and Part III. lives of civilians eminent in State and national service, and other miscellaneous matter. This work has formed the topic of more favorable criticism and eulogistic comment than any ever issued upon the history of the Commonwealth. The *History of the Battle of Gettysburg*, which followed hard upon, a book in royal octavo, embellished with portraits and maps, is the one which has won for its author a more than national reputation, "and stamped him as a war critic and arbiter of military operations of the very first order." A *History of the Battle of Chancellorsville*, similar in scope and form to that upon Gettysburg, was issued from the press in 1882, and has proved scarcely less popular. A condensed *History of the State of Pennsylvania*, which forms a part of this volume, completes the list of his book publications, though numerous fugitive writings have been scattered along his whole career, among which we may mention his contributions to the new edition of the *Encyclopedia Britannica*, now in process of publication.

In the summer of 1877 Mr. Bates made a tour of Europe, extending through England, Scotland, France, Italy, Switzerland, Germany and Belgium, and upon his return prepared a series of twelve lectures upon themes suggested by his journeyings, which he generously delivered for the benefit of the Meadville Public Library. Mr. Bates was married in 1856 to Sarah Josephine Bates, and has a family of seven children: Edward T., in the music business, Arthur L., a practicing attorney, both of Meadville, Alfred J., Walter I., Gertrude L., Josephine, and Florence.

L. C. BEACH, general agent subscription books, Meadville, was born in Vernon Township, this county, September 15, 1837, and is a son of Isaac and Nancy (Cooper) Beach, natives of Connecticut, of English origin. The father, who was born in 1792, came to this county in 1816 and farmed in Vernon Township; he died in 1872. The mother was born in 1799, and died in 1858. They were married in 1822 and had a family of nine children, of whom eight grew to maturity and six are now living, five of whom are in this county, L. C. and four sisters. Our subject received his education in Meadville schools and at Allegheny College. In 1855 he commenced teaching and for six years followed that vocation, acting as Principal of the academy for two years. For the last twenty-two years he has devoted his time to the book business in Meadville, as agent for publishing houses. He was married in 1864 to Mary C. Bigoney, and they have had eight children, viz.: William E., Bertha E. (deceased), George Frederick, Gertrude, Harry, Mary, Lucy and an infant (deceased). Mr. Beach is a member of the I. O. O. F. He is a prominent member of the Republican party in Meadville, and is now a member of the State Assembly from this county.

F. H. BEMIS, insurance agent, Meadville, was born in Sturbridge, Worcester Co., Mass., November 29, 1823, son of Samuel and Betsy (Bigelow) Bemis, of English descent, former a farmer by occupation. Our subject was raised on the farm, received a common school education and when he reached his majority entered the Quaboag Seminary in Warren, Mass., where he remained, teaching school at intervals till 1847, in which year he came to Meadville and attended the theological school for three years. After this Mr. Bemis taught school at intervals till 1860, when he left for Massachusetts, remained in that State till 1866, then returning to Meadville entered the insurance business, which he is at present engaged in. Our subject was married in 1851 to Sarah E., daughter of Maj. John Clark, of Mead Township, and to this union have been born eight children, five of whom are now living, viz.: John C., Frank L., Ella S., Herman H. and George Herbert.

DR. DANIEL BEMUS (deceased), eldest son of William and Mary (Prendergast) Bemus, was born in the town of Pittstown, Rensselaer Co., N. Y., on the 4th of September, 1784. His paternal grandfather, William Bemus, was, at the time of the battle of Saratoga, the owner of and resided upon the battle-field known as Bemus Heights. His future profession was early decided upon, and to fit him for it, extraordinary opportunities, for those times, were afforded him; in addition to the advantages of the public schools, he received the instruction of a private tutor. When nineteen years of age he commenced the study of medicine with his uncle, Jediah Prendergast, a physician in active practice in Pittstown. In the spring of 1805, in company with his father's and maternal grandfather's families, in all twenty-nine persons, he went to Tennessee to search for a new home possessing the advantages of a mild climate and productive soil. They proceeded by wagon and flat-boats to Duck River, near Nashville, Tenn., their intended location. Being dissatisfied with this country, the whole family turned northward, passing through Kentucky,

Ohio, and western Pennsylvania, arriving at Erie the end of September, 1805. The following spring they removed to their permanent home, now known as Bemus Point, Chautauqua Lake. In the fall of 1805 Daniel went to Philadelphia for the purpose of attending medical lectures at the University of Pennsylvania, going the whole distance on horseback. The next spring he returned to the home of his uncle, Thomas Prendergast, at Westfield, N. Y., remaining there practicing and reading during the summer. His practice extended from Silver Creek, N. Y., along the Lake Shore road to Erie, Penn., a distance of over fifty miles. He returned to Philadelphia in the fall of 1806; attended lectures during the winter, and graduated in the spring of 1807 with the degree of Doctor of Medicine. Soon after his return to his father's home, he was requested by Dr. Kennedy, a prominent physician of Meadville, Penn., then temporarily at his mills near Jamestown, N. Y., to take charge of his practice during his absence, and this resulted in Dr. Bemus locating permanently at Meadville, Dr. Kennedy retiring in his favor. On June 12, 1810, our subject was married to Jane, daughter of William Miles, of Union, Penn., who died August 2, 1826. To them were born two daughters —Mary, born March 21, 1814, who married J. Stewart Riddle, an attorney of Meadville, and who died March 3, 1839, leaving one daughter, Arianna, married to Thomas B. Kennedy, of Chambersburg, Penn., and Julianna W., born February 26, 1816, died December 9, 1836. Dr. Bemus next married, June 19, 1835, Mrs. Jane Clark, widow of Conner Clark and daughter of Hon. John Brooks. By this second marriage was born May 8, 1836, Julia Prendergast, who married George H. Bemus, a lawyer of Jamestown, N. Y., now residing in Meadville. Their children are—William Marvin, a physician residing at Jamestown, N. Y.; George Prendergast, also at Jamestown; Selden, who died in infancy, and Dudley, residing with his parents. Dr. Bemus at once took a prominent position at Meadville, and was the leading physician for many years. He was one of the first Trustees of Allegheny College, doing much to promote the interests of that institution. The old college building was constructed upon a plan drawn by him. He was a member of the Episcopal Church and one of the first Vestrymen of Christ Church, Meadville. In politics he was first a Whig and then a Republican. During the war of 1812 he was Chief Surgeon of the division commanded by Maj.-Gen. Mead. About 1828 he built extensive woolen, flour, lumber and oil mills on French Creek, about two miles above Meadville. As a business man he was successful, accumulating a handsome fortune, and at his death was possessed of considerable property. He died February 21, 1866, at the advanced age of eighty-three years. Few men of his time were better known or more highly esteemed in the community in which he lived.

GEORGE BENNINGHOFF, retired farmer and oil producer, Meadville, was born in Clearfield County, Penn., April 3, 1825, and is a son of John and Elizabeth (Heist) Benninghoff, who were of German ancestry. His father was first a hatter by trade, was in later life a farmer, and succeeded at one time in accumulating a fortune of $300,000. He was a resident of Venango County, Penn., fourteen years, and before his death lived in Greenville, Penn., where he died in 1882. He had twelve children, who were all at their father's funeral but one, who was sick at the time. The father and all his sons were Republican in politics. George Benninghoff, the eldest of the family, received a common school education in Venango County, Penn., was reared on the farm, and for several years pursued agriculture with success, commencing on fifty acres of unimproved land in Venango County, which he cleared up. In 1861 he purchased a farm in Mead Township, and removed to Meadville in 1880.

From 1860 to 1883 he was engaged as an oil producer, since when he has been retired. He was married in 1848 to Julia A., daughter of John Baney, a prominent farmer of Venango County, Penn. They have five children: Almena Helen, wife of E. L. Affantranger, farmer; Lewis Nelson, farmer in Sugar Grove, Mercer County, and who was also in the oil business for sixteen years; Livingston, a farmer; George E., a practicing physician of Bradford, Penn.; Julia M., wife of C. E. Morgan, of Cleveland, Ohio. Mrs. Benninghoff is a member of the Presbyterian Church. Politically our subject is a Republican.

R. C. BOILEAU, retired merchant, Meadville, was born in Centre County, Penn., December 27, 1810; son of Daniel and Mary (Robinson) Boileau, natives of this State, of French and Irish descent. Daniel was Quartermaster-General in the Revolutionary war. Our subject, the seventh in a family of eight children, grew up in the same town with Gov. Curtin, and they were chums together in boyhood. He acquired his education in his native county, and early in life learned the jeweler and watchmaker trade. In 1831 Mr. Boileau came to Meadville, and embarked in the jewelry business, which he carried on for thirty years; was also in the dry goods business for a number of years. He dealt in real estate extensively, and built several business blocks. He has been financially successful, and has accumulated a handsome property. He was married, in 1834, to Harriet W., daughter of Col. Shryock, a native of Hagerstown, Md., and to this union were born nine children, eight attaining maturity: Elizabeth, married G. P. Hosmer, in Lockport, N. Y.; Maria, married to H. H. Thompson, in Bath, N. Y.; Nathaniel, deceased; Polo, in Illinois; Roland C., Jr., in Meadville, Ellen, widow, married to M. D. Newman, in Milford, Penn.; Harriet, married to R. Bard, Ravenna, Ohio; Emma, married to J. H. Culbertson, in Meadville; Marion, youngest daughter, unmarried, being with her parents. Mr. and Mrs. Boileau are members of the First Baptist Church, in which he has been a Deacon for forty years. He never led a political life.

WILLIAM R. BOLE, attorney at law, Meadville, was born in Venango Township, this county, October 15, 1838, son of David M. and Mary D. (Clark) Bole, who were of Scotch-Irish descent and natives of this county. David M. Bole, who lives in this county, was a member of the State Legislature (1848), and has held nearly every office in the gift of the township of which he is a resident. His father, grandfather of our subject, immigrated to this county from the north of Ireland about 1798. He married in this county, engaged in farming and rapidly acquired considerable property. He was prominently engaged in public enterprises, notably the pike road from Meadville to Waterford, this county. He died at the age of seventy-two. His family numbered six children—three boys and three girls—of whom are now living David M., John, William, and Martha, all residents of this county. Our subject, the eldest of a family of ten children, was reared on a farm and attended the common schools till he was seventeen years of age. Most of his time from then till he was twenty-two years old was spent in Meadville Academy, Edinboro State Normal School, Allegheny College, in teaching school and in the study of his chosen profession. After reading law for a year with A. B. Richmond, he commenced a practice which he has continued successfully ever since. He was married in 1862, to Martha S., daughter of Frederick Pendleton, of this county, who bore him one child—Robert C. She died in 1881, at Meadville. In politics Mr. Bole is a Democrat.

C. M. BOUSH, attorney at law, Meadville, was born in Mundelsheim, Wurtemberg, Germany, March 19, 1831, and is a son of Charles M. Boush, who was Principal of the common schools in said town in Germany, and who

had a family of ten children, of whom our subject is the sixth. Mr. Boush received an academic education in his native land, was employed in mercantile pursuits, and received a practical knowledge in the manufacture of cotton silk and woolen goods. He immigrated to this country in 1853, and lived first in Sheakleyville, Mercer Co., Penn., clerking eighteen months in a store. He settled permanently in this city in the spring of 1855, and embarked in the grocery and confectionery business with his brother Albert. In 1862 he was elected Justice of the Peace, serving five years. While Justice he studied law with W. R. Bole; was admitted in 1868, and has since continued practice. Mr. Boush, who was twice a widower, was married to his present wife, Mary, daughter of Jacob Snyder, October 17, 1864. They are members of the Reformed Church, in which he is an Elder. He organized the first Sabbath-school for that church here in 1850, and was Superintendent for many years. Of his four children two are at home, his daughter and his youngest son, a student at Allegheny College. His eldest son is in business in Canada, and his second son is American Consul at Collingwood, Ontario. Mr. Boush has been twelve years a member of the City School Board, and took an active part in the organization of the present school system. He has been six years a member of the City Council and three years City Solicitor. He was an active promoter of the Meadville Hospital, and is its Clerk and Treasurer. He is at present Grand Master of the A. O. U. W. for Pennsylvania, takes an active interest in the benefit insurance organizations, and is in every way an active and successful business man. He was for years an active Democrat, but takes no interest in politics now.

J. H. BOYLES, livery, Meadville, was born in Mead Township, this county, April 3, 1840, and is a son of Sylvester and Sarah (Hamilton) Boyles. His mother was born in Mead Township in 1814. His father came here in 1835, and settled on a farm, raising a family of nine children, of whom J. H. is the eldest He received a common school training, and was reared on the farm until 1859, when he went into the oil business, continuing until 1863, when he enlisted in the One Hundred and Fiftieth Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, serving until the close of hostilities. He was a member of the President's body-guard, and saw Booth shoot Lincoln and then jump from the opera-box. Our subject has never attended a theater since, and never expects to attend another. At the close of the war he came home and farmed one year, then again went into the oil business, continuing until 1876, when he went into the livery business in Meadville, in which he has been very successful, although he has had to pay $6,000 bail money for other parties. The present firm is Boyles & Billings, organized in 1884. He was married in 1861 to Sarah, daughter of Jeddiah Reynolds. They are both members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, of which he has been Trustee, Secretary and Treasurer. Our subject's grandfather was the Rev. Patrick Boyles, a pioneer preacher of note.

J. B. BRAWLEY, attorney, Meadville, was born July 26, 1844, in Meadville. His grandfather, Hugh Brawley, an early settler of this county, was a farmer and contractor by occupation. He was elected Sheriff of this county in 1823, and served in the Pennsylvania Legislature. He was the parent of six children. Hon. J. Porter Brawley, the second in this family, was educated at Allegheny College, and studied law; served two terms as member of the Legislature; was elected to the State Senate in 1846, serving three years; was Surveyor-General from 1850 to 1856. He had a family of six children, of whom J. B. is the eldest. Our subject acquired his education at Meadville and in Allegheny College, from which he graduated in 1860. He accepted a clerk-

ship in the Census Bureau, and was at Washington, D. C., till 1862; then returned to Meadville and commenced the study of law in the office of Finney & Douglass, and was admitted to the bar in 1864. Mr. Brawley began practice before the Crawford bar with Edward Wilson, and was associated with him for two years. In 1868 he became a partner with Judge David Derickson, on whom Allegheny College conferred the degree of LL. D. in 1884, and continued associated with him until July, 1875, upon the withdrawal of Judge Derrickson from practice. He was admitted to practice in the United States Supreme Courts January 18, 1877. In 1880 he formed a co-partnership with John O. McClintock, with firm name of Brawley & McClintock. Mr. Brawley has been twice married; on the first occasion, in 1870, to Miss Fanny C. Ford, who died in 1872. His second marriage was with Maria, daughter of Judge David Derrickson. Our subject and wife are adherents of the First Presbyterian Church, of which he has been a member twenty-two years, and is now an Elder. He was a member of the General Assembly that met at Chicago, Ill., in 1877; also of the National Democratic Convention, 1880.

HON. JOHN BROOKS, deceased, who was one of the earliest settlers of Crawford County, and who occupied many prominent positions among her pioneers, was a son of William and Anna Brooks (whose maiden name was Snodgrass), and was born in the Parish of Rye, County Donegal, Ireland, May 12, 1765. During his boyhood he received a fair English education, and at the age of fourteen was apprenticed in the city of Belfast, Ireland, and learned the trade of wheelwright. Several years after the expiration of his apprenticeship, in 1786, and after the death of his father, he immigrated to the United States and landed at New York about 1792–93. He remained in New York or vicinity for a brief time, and in 1794 removed to the territory which was afterward organized as Crawford County, Penn., where he remained during the balance of his life. In 1798 his mother and two brothers, Quenton and William, immigrated to America, and settled in Crawford County, where they remained until their deaths. Mr. Brooks first settled on a farm in what is now Greenwood Township, adjoining the Mercer County line, about a mile from Sheakleyville, and remained there for a few years. He, however, soon removed to Meadville, and commenced business at his trade, which he followed for several years. He afterward entered into mercantile business, which he carried on until about 1828, when he retired to his farm on the Franklin Turnpike, about three miles southeast of Meadville, where he resided till the time of his death, which occurred June 3, 1831, in the sixty-seventh year of his age. He was the first Justice of the Peace in Crawford County after its organization; was one of the State Commissioners to lay out and construct the Susquehanna & Waterford Turnpike, and for two terms was County Treasurer. In 1813, during the war with Great Britain, he organized and commanded a company which went to Erie to resist the invasion of the soil of Pennsylvania, which was then thought imminent. After arriving in Erie he was appointed aid to Gen. Mead, Division Commander, with the rank of Major. The troops remained at Erie until after the defeat of the British fleet, off Put-in Bay, by Commodore Perry, when the troops were disbanded and returned to their homes. In 1817 he was appointed by Gov. Simon Snyder an Associate Judge of Crawford County, which office he held fourteen years, or until his death. Judge Brooks was married twice, his first wife being Elizabeth Wright, to whom he was united July 24, 1800, and by whom he had three children—two daughters and one son, the only survivor being Mrs. Jane Bemus, of Meadville, now in her eighty-third year. His second wife was Susan Nichols, daughter of Thomas Nichols, of Jersey Shore, Lycoming Co., Penn., to whom he was married August 7, 1810,

and by whom he had eight children—three sons and five daughters—all of whom are dead but Ellis, the wife of Col. David Compton, of Mead Township, Henry B. and Thomas N. Judge Brooks belonged to what is called the Seceders, a branch of the old Covenanters or Scotch Presbyterians. He was a man of more than ordinary ability, a good English scholar, and well read in the literature of his day. He was upright, honest, and reliable, and an honor to the community in which he lived and spent the greater part of his life.

A. C. CALVIN, M. D., Meadville, was born in this county, October 21, 1854, and is a son of Joseph A. and Mary (Frame) Calvin, natives of Pennsylvania, and of Scotch-Irish descent. His father was a farmer, and raised a family of four children, of whom our subject is the eldest. Dr. Calvin was educated at Allegheny College, and took a medical course at Jefferson Medical College, graduating in 1878. Commenced practice in Philadelphia, but in the fall of 1878 came to Meadville, where he has been in practice ever since. He was married in Meadville in 1881, to Priscilla, daughter of James A. McFadden, for many years an attorney in Meadville, and who died in 1877. They have one child, J. M. The Doctor is a member of the I. O. O. F., in politics a Republican.

W. H. CARMAN, liveryman, Meadville, was born in this county in 1847, and is a son of Aaron and Elizabeth (Carr) Carman, the father a native of New Jersey, a carpenter by trade, and who came with his parents to this county at an early day; the mother of German and Scotch origin and a native of Pennsylvania. Our subject, the eldest of a family of seven children, was reared on a farm, acquired a common school education, and at the age of fifteen went on the New York, Pennsylvania & Ohio Railroad as fireman. After acting in this capacity for three and a half years he was promoted to engineer, ran the lightning train on the Emlenton, Shippensville & Clarion Railroad and has been credited with making, while on that road, the fastest time ever made on a narrow gauge railroad. After five years of this life Mr. Carman embarked in the hotel and livery business, and in 1879 came to Meadville to engage in his present business, that of proprietor of the Park Avenue Livery Stable, a two-story structure 50x100 feet, where he has a fine array of roadsters, elegant carriages and wagons of all descriptions. Our subject was married in 1880 to Miss Turilla Phipps, a native of Pennsylvania. Mr. Carman is a member of the K. of H., A. O. U. W., and K. of P.

REV. JAMES G. CARNACHAN, LL.D., pastor of Park Avenue Congregational Church, Meadville, was born in Glasgow, Scotland, August 29, 1829, and is a son of James S. and Jane (Black) Carnachan, natives of Scotland. Their family consisted of eight sons and one daughter, our subject being the eldest. He received his education at the Andersonian College, Glasgow, and entered the University of Glasgow the session of 1843–44 and graduated in May, 1853. He entered the ministry the same year in Scotland, and in 1856 came to America, settling in Tioga County, Penn., as pastor of Nelson and Farmington Churches from December, 1856, to September, 1868. He was then called to Troy, Bradford County, Penn., remaining there until May, 1880, when he assumed the pastorate of the Union Presbyterian Church at Dayville, Penn., where he continued until June, 1881. He then became pastor of the First Presbyterian Church of Meadville, remaining in that capacity until the organization of the Park Avenue Congregational Church in April, 1881, of which he has since been pastor. He was married June 17, 1856, to Mary Meldan, only daughter of George Meldrum, merchant, Glasgow. She died June 13, 1866. Of their family of five children, four survive—two sons and two daughters. Dr. Carnachan was again married June 7, 1868, to Rachel Ann

only daughter of Robert H. Long, merchant, Lancaster, Penn. Rev. Dr. Carnachan was in the service of the Christian Commission from August to November, 1864, and was Superintendent at the Fifth Corps Depot Hospital, City Point, Va. He was also elected Chaplain to the One Hundred and Thirty-second Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, an honor he was compelled to decline. The title of LL.D. was conferred upon him in 1875 by the free University of Naples by promotion.

HON. GAYLORD CHURCH (deceased), late President Judge, was among the most prominent citizens of Crawford County, Penn. He was born in Otsego, N. Y., in 1811, son of William and Wealthy (Palmer) Church. His parents, who were natives of Connecticut and of English descent, came to Pennsylvania in 1816, settled in Mercer County and there followed farming. Our subject, who was the second son in a family of six children, was reared on the farm and attended the Mercer Academy; studied law with Hon. John J. Pearson, who was afterward President Judge of the Twelfth Judicial District of Pennsylvania. He was admitted to the bar in 1834, and the same year came to Meadville, where he spent the remaining portion of his life, dying here in 1869, loved and respected by all who knew him. He was a Democrat in politics. In 1837 he was appointed Deputy Attorney-General of the district, and in 1840 was elected to the Legislature, serving two terms. In 1843 he was appointed President Judge by Gov. Porter of the Sixth Judicial District, consisting of Erie, Crawford and Venango Counties, and served till 1851, when the office became elective. He then resumed his law practice till 1858, when he was appointed a Judge of the Supreme Court by Gov. Packer, to fill a vacancy. He was married in 1837 to Anna B. Pearson, of Mercer, Penn., a daughter of Bevan and Ann Pearson, who were members of the Society of Friends. This union was blessed with eight children, six of whom at present survive. Judge Church and wife were members of the Episcopal Church, of which he was a Vestryman many years. His widow still survives him and resides in Meadville, while the family are among the leading ones of northwestern Pennsylvania.

HON. PEARSON CHURCH, President Judge of the Thirtieth Judicial District, consisting of Crawford County, Penn., is a son of Hon. Gaylord Church (deceased), who was also President Judge of this district. He was born in Mercer County, Penn., but has resided all his life in Meadville. He was graduated at Allegheny College in 1856, previously studying law one year with his father, and was admitted to practice February 9, 1858, at the age of twenty. He has ever been a Democrat in politics. He was married in 1868, to Miss Kate, daughter of Hon. Samuel A. Law, of Delaware County, N. Y. To this union have been born two daughters. Mr. and Mrs. Church are members of the Episcopal Church at Meadville, of which he has been Vestryman for over twenty-five years. He has always taken a lively interest in all that pertains to the church here and elsewhere in Crawford County. He has also been active in almost every public enterprise in this place; was elected a member of the School Board in 1870, and in 1872 President of the Board of Control of the Meadville schools. In the same year he was elected a delegate to the Constitutional Convention, and during 1872 and 1873 assisted in forming the present Constitution, which was ratified and adopted December 16, 1873. In 1859 he was made a Freemason. He is now a member of the Grand Lodge of the F. & A. M.; member of the Grand Chapter R. A. M., and of the Grand Commandery of K. T. He has taken thirty-two degrees in Masonry, and for ten years was D. D. G. M. of Masons for the district of which Crawford County was a part. In 1877 he was elected President Judge of the Thirtieth Judicial

District. He has rendered several important decisions while an incumbent of this office, being the first Judge in Pennsylvania, and perhaps in the Union, to decide that colored children should have the same access to our public schools as white children. After this decision the Legislature of the State of Pennsylvania made it a part of the statute law. In 1879 the Legislature passed an act making it the duty of the Judge of the county to hold a term of the courts four times a year in the city of Titusville. This measure created considerable feeling upon the part of the citizens of the county as it tended to greatly increase the public expenses and to complicate the ordinary processes of the courts. Meadville and Titusville were especially interested as the movement affected them locally to a considerable degree, and of course it was not long before the whole matter came before the courts. The suit was brought by numerous tax-payers to compel the county authorities to carry into effect the bill. Judge Church, in an able and exhaustive opinion, decided the law to be in conflict with the Constitution and therefore void, and consequently refused to administer it. The next year another act of a similar import was passed designed by its promoters to avoid the constitutional difficulties of the former act. Like litigation was resorted to to prevent its enforcement, but Judge Church decided the second act to be also unconstitutional and void. Both of these decisions were affirmed by the Supreme Court of the State. This ended the efforts of the city of Titusville to have a court held within its borders. In 1883 he decided the Tidewater Pipe Line case, which put an end to the great Standard oil monopoly for carrying oil. Another effort was made in behalf of the Standard Oil Company to injure and destroy its only rival. A stock-holder of the Tidewater Pipe Line Company, acting in the interest of the Standard Oil Company, used his position as stock-holder in an effort to dissolve and thus legally destroy the company. After a sharp contest he was signally defeated, and Judge Church, in an elaborate and exhaustive opinion, settled the rights of all parties to the litigation, deciding in favor of the Tidewater Company. This decision was acquiesced in by the defeated party, as no appeal was taken from the decision of Judge Church, but the same parties afterward took the measures above mentioned with the result as above stated. It has been the good fortune of Judge Church to be very often called upon to decide grave questions of great public as well as private importance and interest—indeed, more than often falls to the lot of a Common Pleas Judge. They have been affirmed in every instance by the Supreme Court of the State.

ALFRED G. CHURCH, attorney at law, Meadville, was born in Meadville, November 10, 1851, and is a son of Hon. Gaylord Church, who was Judge of the Sixth Judicial District from 1843 to 1852. He is also a brother of Judge Pearson Church, the President Judge of the Thirtieth District. Our subject received his schooling at Riverdale, N. Y., and at Harvard University, at which latter institution he graduated in the regular course in 1873, after an attendance there of four years. In the same year he entered the office of his brother, Pearson Church, and was admitted in 1875, continuing practice here ever since. He was married December 5, 1876, to Alice L. Mosier, by whom he has one child—Agnes Pearson. Mr. and Mrs. Church are members of the Episcopal Church. In politics Mr. Church is a Democrat.

COL. JOHN M. CLARK, hotel proprietor, Meadville, was born April 2, 1837, and is a son of Ashbel and Mary (Weller) Clark, the former a farmer, a native of Connecticut, of Scotch descent, and for twenty-seven years a Justice of the Peace in Meadville, the latter also a native of Connecticut. They had a family of four boys and two girls, of whom John M. is the youngest. Our subject received a good English education in the common schools and in Alle-

gheny College. He afterward clerked in Erie City for several years, also at Erie City Iron Works from 1856 to 1861, when he enlisted in the three months service in Col. McLane's regiment, at the expiration of which time he enlisted in Company I, Eighty-third Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry. He was appointed Assistant Adjutant to Gen. Hayes, of Massachusetts, and continued in that capacity until June 27, 1862, when he became Adjutant of the regiment, serving as such till the close of service. After the war he returned to this city and purchased the "American," which he conducted for two years. Most of Col. Clark's time has been spent in the hotel business, except when he was in the grocery trade in Erie City. He was Chief of the Fire Department for eight years. Our subject was married in 1862 to Bessie V., daughter of Charles Banyard, of Erie City, and of English descent. They have three children: Cora, Bessie and Mattie. They are members of the Episcopal Church of Meadville.

COL. JOHN BROOKS COMPTON, District Attorney, Meadville, was born November 17, 1835, in Mead Township, this county, and grew up on the farm of his father, Col. David Compton, attending district school and Meadville Academy. He then became a teacher, and by that means secured funds to prosecute his studies at Allegheny College, which he entered in the spring of 1858, and continued a student till his senior year, when he enlisted as a private in the three months' service, joining the Meadville Grays, which were stationed at Pittsburgh. He was soon promoted to Sergeant. While in camp, Sergt. Compton wrote his commencement oration, and obtained a furlough for the purpose of graduating with his class. He committed to memory his oration on his way home in a stage coach, and appeared with his class, June, 1861, in uniform, at the request of his class and the faculty. Soon after graduation he joined the famous Eighty-third Regiment, Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, as a private, and became First Sergeant of Company F. At the battle of Gaines' Mill, June 27, 1862, he was wounded, but led his company five days after, at the battle of Malvern Hill, taking thirty-two men into the fight, of whom eight were killed, and fourteen wounded, himself among the latter. He was mentioned for gallantry in the dispatches of the Division Commander, and was sent to the hospital at Portsmouth, Va., where he remained until September, most of the time in a critical condition. He afterward went to Alexandria, and then to Washington, where he was discharged on account of disability from wounds and sickness. Returning home, after a partial recovery of health, Col. Compton began the study of medicine under Dr. Edward Ellis, of Meadville, but he had to abandon it on account of continued ill health, and at the suggestion of friends he became a candidate for the Republican nomination for Prothonotary of the county. Being successful, he was elected in the fall of 1863 by 2,000 majority, and served the entire term. During that time he commanded a company of Emergency Men, serving until the capture of Morgan and the battle of Gettysburg. He was appointed by Gov. Curtin a Commissioner to take the vote of the State soldiers in the field for the election of 1864, being assigned to Washington City and vicinity. At the general canvass of the same year he was assigned to the Army of the Potomac, and was elected Secretary of the Board. In this capacity all the tickets, poll books, etc., had to pass through his hands. These were sent in due time by express, but were tampered with at Baltimore, or somewhere on the way, so that in order to obtain them, the Harrisburg officials were telegraphed for a new supply and the Secretary was obliged, with barely time, to visit Washington with a guard, and watch the precious material till safely landed at City Point, and thus saved to the State and Nation the vote of the Pennsylvania soldiers in the

entire Army of the Potomac. During his Prothonotaryship he was entered as a law student by the late Darwin A. Finney, and was admitted to practice June 11, 1868, which profession and practice he has since continued. He was three times appointed attorney for the county, and is solicitor for the Meadville Loan Association and other corporations. Col. Compton was appointed by Gov. Hartranft an Aid-de-Camp on his military staff, with the rank of Colonel, and served through his two terms, when he was re-appointed on his staff, as Major-General of the State, which position he still retains. He was on duty during the Centennial Encampment of the Pennsylvania National Guard, and on August 10, the date of the great military parade at Philadelphia, was appointed Officer of the Day. As a politician Col. Compton has ever been an active supporter of the Republican party, both in council and upon the stump. He was Chairman of the Republican County Committee in 1872, and was Senatorial Delegate to the State Convention in 1873. In 1874 he received the nomination of his party as a candidate for the Legislature by a larger number of votes than any of his colleagues. This was the year of the great political revolution in the county, the entire ticket being defeated, but Col. Compton getting the highest vote of any Republican candidate. In 1873 he presided as Chairman of the meeting of the Return Judges of the primary elections. In 1881 he was elected District Attorney of the Thirteenth District, consisting of Crawford County, by the largest majority of any candidate on the Republican ticket. Col. Compton is a member of the Board of Directors of the Meadville City Hospital; also Past Master Workman of Jefferson Lodge, No. 1, A. O. U. W.; Past Noble Grand of Crawford Lodge, No. 734, I. O. O. F; for several terms President and Treasurer of the Board of Trustees of the Odd Fellows' Home of western Pennsylvania; Commander of Sergeant Peiffer Post, No. 331, G. A. R. He and his family are members of the Second Presbyterian Church, of which he is a Trustee and Secretary. Our subject was married November 12, 1863, to Fannie E. Kingsley, of Springfield, Mass. Of their family two sons, Herbert K. and Charles K., died in infancy; Kate Leora, a very interesting and lovely child, died of diphtheria on Christmas eve, 1881, in her twelfth year. The eldest daughter, Gertrude E., now in her sixteenth year, alone remains of this happy family of children to bless and comfort the parents.

M. S. COOPER, farmer, Meadville, was born in this county August 17, 1830, and is a son of Lewis and Fidelia (Smith) Cooper, natives of Massachusetts and Connecticut respectively, and of English origin. His parents were early settlers of Vernon Township, this county. The father, who was a prominent farmer, had a family of six children, all of whom except our subject were the children of his second wife, our subject's mother dying when he was young. The father died in 1856. He had held most of the township offices. Our subject received his education in Kingsville College, Ohio, and farmed until he was thirty-eight years of age, when he came to Meadville. He served as Chief of Police in Meadville, but his life work has been that of an agriculturist. He was married in 1856 to Rachel, daughter of Robert Harper, who is a sister of Hon. W. S. Harper, of Meadville; they have one child—Rebecca. Mr. and Mrs. Cooper are members of the First Presbyterian Church of Meadville. In politics he is a Republican.

J. A. COOPER, master mechanic for the Eastern Division of the New York, Pennsylvania & Ohio Railroad, Meadville, was born in the State of New Jersey, July 24, 1831, and is a son of Albert and Mary (Concklin) Cooper, both natives of New Jersey, of Holland descent, the father a blacksmith by trade. J. A., who is the third in a family of seven children, received a district school education in his native county. He first learned the trade of his father, at

which he continued for a time. Since 1851 he has been in railroad employment of various kinds, and has filled them all satisfactorily. He was married in Meadville in 1866 to Anna, daughter of Aaron Johnson, and they have two sons—Frank and Bert. Mrs. Cooper is a member of the Baptist Church. Our subject has been a member of the School Board for two terms, and a resident of the city since 1863.

JOHN C. COTTON, physician, Meadville, was born in Pennsylvania August 31, 1828, son of William and Elizabeth (Black) Cotton, both natives of Pennsylvania; the father of Scotch-Irish and the mother of English descent. William Cotton was a farmer and raised a family of six children. Our subject received his education at the common schools and at the high school of New Bedford, and also at the academy at Pulaski. He also attended Allegheny College for three years, and graduated therefrom in June, 1853. Left Allegheny College in senior year in 1849, read medicine and graduated and then returned to Allegheny College and graduated from both colleges in same year. In 1853 he graduated in medicine from Cleveland Medical College, practiced medicine for two years in Kentucky, and since 1855 has practiced in Meadville. Was a charter member of Crawford County Medical Society eighteen years ago, since which he has been an active member; is also a member of Pennsylvania State Medical Society and of the American Medical Association. He was married in 1855, to Mary, daughter of Judge William Davis, and their children are William D. and Harry A. Dr. and Mrs. Cotton belong to the Presbyterian Church, of which he has been Trustee. For twelve years he was United States Examining Surgeon for pensions; he is politically a Republican.

LAWRENCE COYLE, County Treasurer, Meadville, was born in Rome Township, this county, September 19, 1839, and is a son of Patrick and Mary (Griffin) Coyle, who were also natives of this country, but of Irish descent. Our subject's grandfather, Roger Coyle, came to Crawford County about 1800, and was a farmer. His son Patrick, Lawrence's father, was a farmer and a large lumber dealer. He was for a number of years a Justice of the Peace. He was a soldier in the war of 1812. Our subject received his education in the common schools, and has been a farmer most of his life. Before his election as County Treasurer, Mr. Coyle held several official positions in the township. He has been twice married; first, to Miss Mary Ann Stark, in July, 1860. Her death occurred December, 1869. Mr. Coyle was married to Miss Lucinda Phillips, April, 1873. She died in March, 1883. He has three children now living: Clara, Lavern and Mark. In politics Mr. Coyle is a Republican.

HUGH F. COYLE, train dispatcher on the New York, Pennsylvania & Ohio Railroad, Meadville, was born in Angelica, Allegany Co., N. Y., September 21, 1855, and is a son of Bernard and Susan (Kilduff) Coyle, natives of Ireland. His father, who was by occupation a jeweler, was married in Allegany County, N. Y., and had a family of nine children of whom Hugh F. is third. Our subject received his education at Andover, in his native county, and then commenced the study of telegraphy, which he pursued with such zeal and diligence that, at the age of fifteen, he took charge of the telegraph office for the Erie Railway, where he remained until 1874. He then went to St. Joseph, Mo., where for one year he was train dispatcher, when he was made manager of the office at Green River, on the Union Pacific Railway. In 1877 he was married to Elizabeth Sinon, by whom he has one son—Eddie B. He then accepted a position on the New York, Pennsylvania & Ohio Railway, as assistant train dispatcher, but since 1881 he has been train dispatcher. In politics he is a Republican.

REV. RICHARD CRAIGHEAD, retired minister, Meadville, was born in South Middleton Township, Cumberland County, Penn., October 31, 1815, and is the son of William and Hetty (Weakley) Craighead. His paternal ancestors were from Scotland, his maternal ancestors from England. He pursued his academic studies at New Haven, Conn.; graduated at Washington College, Washington, Pa., in 1836; entered the Western Theological Seminary the same year; was licensed to preach in June, 1839, and ordained and installed over the church at Springfield, Erie Co., Penn., September 9, 1840. He was called in November, 1843, to take charge of the Second Presbyterian Church of Meadville, Penn., and continued as pastor of the church until November, 1874, a period of thirty-one years, only relinquishing his charge on account of continued ill health. He still resides in Meadville, preaching occasionally as his health will permit. He was married, January 14, 1841, to Miss Lydia L., daughter of John Reynolds, Esq., of Meadville, Penn.

JOHN HAYS CULBERTSON, United States Deputy Collector, Meadville, was born in Richmond Township, this county, April 2, 1840, only son of David and Nancy M. (Mackelduff) Culbertson, natives of Chester County, Penn. Previous to marriage David Culbertson, our subject's father, in about the year 1818, removed with his father, John Culbertson, to Woodcock Township, this county, where the latter engaged in agriculture for some time, having previously spent the greater portion of his early life in manufacturing woolen goods in Chester County, Penn. David Culbertson remained with his parents until after his majority, and in 1835 returned to Chester County. On March 4, that year, he married Nancy M. Mackelduff, and shortly after returned to this county, locating on a farm of 250 acres in Richmond Township. Mr. and Mrs. David Culbertson were parents of two children, viz.: Elizabeth Ann, born April 10, 1836, married August 9, 1857, to Jacob Cowan, of this county, and July 11, following year, died of hemorrhage of the lungs at the residence of her father, and John Hays, our subject. David Culbertson in 1848 sold his farm in Richmond Township, and purchased one of about 100 acres in and adjoining the borough of Blooming Valley. In connection with this farm there was a hotel property, both of which interests he operated until about the year 1855, at which time he leased his hotel and for some years thereafter gave his exclusive attention to farming. In about the year 1866, feeling that himself and wife, both of whom were getting pretty well advanced in years, should lead a less active and busy life, and as their only son and child living was then residing in Meadville, David Culbertson sold his Blooming Valley farm and hotel property to Alonzo Drake, and, in 1866, removed to Meadville and purchased a house and lot, No. 639 Washington Street. On June 14, 1871, Nancy M. Culbertson, our subject's mother, died. On October 12, same year, J. H. Culbertson was married to Miss Emma A., daughter of R. C. Boileau, Esq., of Meadville; and after this date and until his death, which occurred October 19, 1877, David (his father) resided with him. To this union were born three children—Anna S., born August 5, 1872; Williard B., born May 31, 1875, and Blanche, born December 5, 1878. The early life of the subject of this sketch was spent at home with his parents, going to school, and in assisting about the farm until the winter of 1864, when he came to Meadville and entered the wholesale grocery house of McFarland Bros., as book-keeper, where he remained for three years, but had to abandon office work on account of failing health, and a portion of the summer of 1867 was spent up Lake Superior in regaining his former health and strength, which was fully restored. The balance of the year, 1867, and up to August, 1868, Mr. Culbertson acted in the capacity of cashier of the McHenry House, Meadville, after which time he opened a gen-

eral insurance agency on Chestnut Street, same city. In 1871 he associated with him in that business John Reitze, and the firm was known as Culbertson & Reitze, now representing some dozen or more of the best insurance companies in the United States. In 1874 our subject was appointed United States Deputy Collector under Hon. James C. Brown, and continued as such until August 1, 1883. On August 1, 1883, he was again appointed Deputy Collector by Jacob F. Walther, successor to Hon. James C. Brown.

JOHN DAVENPORT, drayman, Meadville, was born in Ulster County, N. Y., August 10, 1816, and is a son of Isaac and Rebecca (Munson) Davenport, natives of New York, and of English descent, the former a farmer. They had a family of nine children, seven of them now living, of whom John is the fourth. His schooling was obtained in his native county, and early in life he went as boatman on the Delaware & Hudson Canal, at which occupation he spent many years. He was married in 1845 to Jane Ann Lounsberry, also a native of Ulster County, N. Y., and of Holland descent. They had nine children, seven now living: Levi, freight clerk on the New York, Pennsylvania & Ohio Railroad; Mary Ellen, wife of Frank Bartlett; Anna, wife of Anson B. Leberman; Harriet, wife of Edward Orris, merchant in Meadville; Philip; J. E. and Blanche. Mrs. Davenport is a member of the Park Avenue Congregational Church. In politics Mr. Davenport is Republican. Our subject came to Meadville in 1866, and is now owner of six wagons and thirteen horses. In 1879 he built an ice house, in which he annually stores 1,000 tons of ice. His eldest son was a member of the Fifty-sixth New York Infantry during the two last years of the war of the Rebellion.

HON. WILLIAM DAVIS, JR., deceased. Among Meadville's most honored citizens was the gentleman whose name here appears. For nearly half a century he was identified with the business, social and educational development of the city, and throughout this long period he constantly grew in the respect and esteem of the community. With respect to the family history, we learn that his grandfather, James Davis, was an early settler from Franklin County, Penn., settling here in 1795. His parents, James and Mary (Cotton) Davis, are described as being pious, well-informed people, who took all possible care in preparing their son for his station in life. Judge Davis was born in Vernon Township, Crawford County, September 7, 1812, at a time when his father was absent from home doing military service for the country in the war with Great Britain. His education was procured mostly from private schools. He remained with his father until he attained his majority. At the age of twenty-two he married Miss Mary Johnston, daughter of Lancelot Johnston, Esq., who still survives him. One year after his marriage he came to Meadville and engaged in the shoe and leather business, and from 1835 to 1863 continued in that branch of the mercantile trade in this city. His public life began in 1840, when he was elected to the borough Council, where he continued three years. In 1846 he was elected Burgess of the borough, and served three terms. As a Whig candidate in 1849 he was elected County Treasurer, at a time, too, when the Democratic party held a large majority in the county. In 1857 he was chosen one of the Trustees of Allegheny College, and held the position with credit to himself and honor to the institution until his death, June 30, 1881. In this connection we remark that he always took a deep interest in all educational matters, not only in the college but also in the public schools of the city, having been many years officially connected with their management. He was elected Associate Judge of the county in 1863, again in 1868, and again in 1873, covering a period of fifteen years, a distinction never enjoyed by any other occupant of the office. The arduous duties of his

position were discharged with eminent satisfaction to the members of the bar as well as to his constituency. Judge Davis was an active member of agricultural organizations, and took a deep interest in projects having for their aim the improvement of farming. He was an honorary member of the Crawford County Historical Society from its organization until his demise. He was for twenty years a Director of the Crawford County Mutual Insurance Company, and for several years its faithful Treasurer. Judge Davis was a man of fine personal appearance; in disposition most amiable. When the personal delinquencies of any of his acquaintances was the subject of conversation he participated as little as possible, and as soon as opportunity offered changed the subject by referring to redeeming traits in their character. He was a beloved member of the First Presbyterian Church, and for a great number of years served upon the Board of Trustees of that body. His every day life was a beautiful exhibit of practical, self denying Christianity, and few, if any, possessed in so large a degree that charity which "thinketh no evil, suffereth long and is kind." He died as he lived, with an unwavering faith in his Divine Master and an unswerving devotion to right and duty. Six of Judge Davis' children survive: the eldest child and daughter, Mary, is the wife of Dr. J. C. Cotton, of Meadville; second daughter, Ellen, is the wife of Dr. J. P. Hassler, of Cochranton; youngest daughter, Emma, is unmarried; eldest son, James J., is Secretary and Treasurer of the Water Gas Company, of St. Louis, Mo.; second son, Henry L., is connected with the Philadelphia branch of the Standard Oil Company, of which he is one of the managers; the youngest son, William W., is teller in the Oil City Trust Company Bank of Oil City, Penn.

GEORGE B. DELAMATER was born at Whitehall, N. Y., January 14, 1821. In 1822 his parents removed with him to Crawford County, Penn. He received a thorough and practical education, attending, among other schools, the academy at Waterford, Penn., and Oberlin and Allegheny Colleges. He afterward studied law, and in 1847 was admitted to the bar. For about five years he pursued the active practice of his profession. He then, however, became engrossed in business enterprises and in a great measure withdrew from active practice. For a time he was employed in editing and publishing a newspaper at Youngsville, Warren Co., Penn., and afterward engaged with good success in manufacturing and mercantile pursuits at Townville, Penn. From 1860 to 1864 he was largely interested in oil developments along what is known as Oil Creek, and by that means was enabled to add very largely to his wealth. In 1864 he removed to Meadville, Penn., where he has since resided. During his entire life he has been a remarkable student and has accumulated large law and miscellaneous libraries. He is a Trustee of Oberlin College, and Trustee and Vice-President of Allegheny College, to both of which he has contributed largely, and has been for many years largely interested in banking. At the time of the organization of the First National Bank of Meadville and until 1871, he was a Director therein, being the largest stockholder. At that time he sold his interest. He has also been one of the largest share-holders in the Keystone National Bank, of Erie, Penn., since its organization; not living in Erie he is not in the Board of Directors. He was also one of the organizers of the Erie Dime Saving and Loan Association. Few business enterprises in Meadville have been started without his active and successful co-operation. He is Director in the gas and water companies, in both of which he is heavily interested. In 1875 he erected what is known as the Delamater Block, the finest business building in Crawford County. The institution, however, to which he is most closely allied is the banking firm of

Delamater & Co., of which he is senior member. It was organized in 1876, and is at present regarded as one of the solid institutions of the county. Mr. Delamater has ever manifested a deep interest in political affairs; when but a boy, he knew intimately "old John Brown," and while he deprecated the rashness of that old hero in some of his late undertakings, always sympathized with the Free Soil and Republican parties. In 1848 he was a delegate to the District Convention which nominated John W. Howe, who was the first Free Soil member of Congress for Crawford, Mercer and Venango Counties, and the same year was a delegate to the National Convention at Buffalo. In 1870 he was elected to the State Senate by Erie and Crawford Counties. His record during his three years' term shows faithful and able service. Since then he has declined political preferment. He has ever been the open friend and promoter of religion and temperance. In his youth studious, industrious and circumspect; in middle life cautious, modest and successful, and in late years enjoying the happy result, in the confidence and respect of all. Mr. Delamater married in 1847, Susan Cowle Town, born in 1820, daughter of the late Noah Town, Esq., and who is in the eighth generation on the part of her paternal ancestors, being a descendant of William Town, an Anglo-American, born in England about 1600, and who upon immigrating to America settled at Salem, Mass. Her father, Noah Town, was born at Granville, N. Y., November 11, 1786; married Susannah Martin, of French extraction, June 18, 1809. He was a son of Joseph Town, born February 22, 1761, and who married Hannah Colman, a descendant of Elder Brewster, of "May Flower" notoriety. His nephew, Salem Town, author of various school books and other works, had a national reputation. Joseph Town was the son of Israel Town, born February 12, 1727, who was a son of Israel Town, born November 18, 1684, who was a son of John Town, born April 2, 1658, who was a son of Jacob Town, born in 1631, who was a son of the first settler, William Town, who was living in Salem, Mass., in 1640. The children of George B. Delamater are: George Wallace, born March 31, 1849; Thomas Albert, born December 7, 1850; Susan Adelaide, born March 27, 1859, and Victor Morris, born November 1, 1860.

GEORGE WALLACE DELAMATER, of the banking firm of Delamater & Co., Meadville, son of G. B. Delamater (whose sketch appears above, was born in Meadville, March 31, 1849. After a preliminary course of studies he matriculated as a student of Allegheny College, and graduated from this institution in June, 1869, soon after which he entered upon a course of studies in the Law Department of Harvard College and under Hon. H. L. Richmond & Son, which he completed and was admitted to the bar of Crawford County February 1, 1875. His liberal education, practical knowledge of business affairs, and extensive acquaintance supplementing his legal studies, qualify him for an active and useful career, either in the practice of law or as a banker, in the firm of which he is a leading member. In 1877 he was elected Mayor of the city of Meadville, and discharged the duties of this office during his term with credit. In 1878 he was chosen Senatorial delegate to the Republican State Convention at Harrisburg, and subsequently in the same year was made Chairman of the Republican County Committee, in which position he conducted an efficient and successful campaign. In 1880 he was chosen Presidential Elector for Pennsylvania, and cast his vote for J. A. Garfield. His industry, integrity and energy command the confidence of a large circle of friends and of the public.

C. J. DENNINGTON, photographer, Meadville, was born in this county in October, 1850, son of John and Margaret (Hollister) Dennington, the father a native of England, the mother of New York State, of English descent. The

father, who was a farmer, died in this county after a residence of over fifty years. C. J., the youngest of a family of seven children, was educated here, and in 1872 commenced to learn photography, and having a natural taste for art work he soon acquired a reputation as an artist in his line. He was married in 1874 to Martha, daughter of Luther Wilder, who was a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church. Mr. Dennington is a member of the Royal Arcanum; politically, a Republican.

JOSEPH DERICKSON, retired merchant, Meadville, was born in Dauphin County, Penn., July 5, 1801, son of David Derickson.

AUGUSTUS DERST, retired merchant, Meadville, was born August 24, 1822, in Germany, son of August and Christina (Berkes) Derst, who both died in Germany before our subject set sail for America. They were the parents of nine children, of whom Augustus, Jr., is eighth and the only one to come to the New World. He was married in 1844 to Margaret Burchardt, in his native land, where the eldest child, Charlotte, was born, and in 1846 they came to America, landing in New York, thence traveling direct to Meadville, Penn. Here the family of Mr. and Mrs. Derst was increased, in course of time, by six, viz.: Daniel, married to Mary Christy; Mary, wife of Henry Leighty (have one child); Henry, in Colorado; John in Kansas, married to Kate Smallenberger, of Meadville; Clara, at home, and Elizabeth, deceased. Charlotte is now the wife of Henry M. Rupp, a native of New York, proprietor of restaurant on Water Street, Meadville; have five children: Carrie E., George A., Henry M., Jr., Lottie and Elmer H. Mr. Derst commenced life on nothing, and for the first seven years after arriving in the land of his adoption, labored at whatever he could find to do. He was absent for a time in California. For twenty years our subject carried on with success a grocery on Water Street, Meadville, and his industry and uprightness in business have enabled him to retire with a good competency, not having for the past twelve years been engaged in any special business.

HON. JOHN DICK, deceased, who was of Scotch-Irish descent, was born in Pittsburgh, Penn., June 17, 1794, son of William and Anna (McGunnegle) Dick, and the eldest of four brothers who attained mature age, viz.: John, David, James R. and Wilson W., all now deceased. He was brought to Meadville by his parents in the year of his birth, when the place was but a hamlet of log-houses. He was married, November 16, 1830, to Jane A., eldest daughter of Samuel Torbett, Esq., one of the pioneers of Crawford County, and many years largely interested in real estate business. To this union were born six children: George M., entered as cadet at West Point in 1850, assigned to duty in Texas in Col. Robert E. Lee's regiment, and died in 1856; J. Henry, died at the age of eighteen; Samuel Bernard; Anna C., married to D. C. Shryock; Mary E., married to Edward S. Sayer, and John. Gen. John Dick died May 29, 1872, in the seventy-eighth year of his age, leaving behind him the inestimable heritage of a good name, and when the grave closed over him it shut out forever from human sight, but not from loving memory nor from the affection of the heart, a man who had in his lifetime seen the creation in this section of telegraphs, railroads, canals, schools, commerce and other evidences of advanced civilization, with the inevitable and consequent regression of the red man toward the setting sun, and the extinction of their title under the provisions of Wayne's Treaty; it shut out forever from all earthly view one whose every action in life pronounced him to be by nature a gentleman—an honest man— tender-hearted as a child, influenced even to a fault by the warmth of his own feelings, ever ready to protect the weak against the strong, and to cover the faults of a friend with the mantle of charity. In a word, as a sin-

cerely good man, he was possessed of many strong and admirable points of character. Physically he was of a noble and commanding presence. To the last his will was strong, his heart warm and radiant, emotional as though kindled by the fires of youth, while his clear blue eyes beamed in harmony with the kindly, sympathetic tones of his rich voice. In his household he was a worthy example in all its duties as a sincere Christian, a devoted husband and an affectionate father. The disease which carried him off was in the form of a violent cold, which settled on his lungs and baffled the best medical treatment.

Hon. John Dick was for many years a successful merchant in Meadville, and was one of the founders of the private banking house of J. R. Dick & Co., which, in 1850, was known as J. & J. R. Dick. In 1840 he was a member of the Electoral College which cast the vote of Pennsylvania for Gen. Harrison. In 1850 Gov. Johnson appointed him Associate Judge of Crawford County, and following year he was elected and commissioned to the same place. It was while filling this position he was first elected to Congress, from the district composed of the counties of Erie and Crawford, in 1852, continuing to represent it for three consecutive terms. The military titles conferred on Gen. Dick commenced early in life, and ran through a rapid and uninterrupted promotion. At the age of twenty-seven he was elected Major of the First Battalion, and was so commissioned by Gov. Hiester in 1821. In 1825 he was made Colonel of the Thirty-first Regiment; in 1831 he was commissioned by Gov. Wolf Brigadier-General of the Second Brigade, Sixteenth Division, composed of the counties of Beaver, Butler, Mercer, Crawford, Erie, Venango and Warren, extending from the banks of the Ohio to the shores of Lake Erie. In all matters of improvement for the general good he was an earnest co-worker and a generous contributor. The Eastern Plank Road was constructed mainly through his instrumentality, and to him is Meadville, as well as surrounding country, indebted in a large measure for the Atlantic & Great Western Railroad. He was one of the Trustees of Allegheny College, President of Crawford Mutual Insurance Company for several years; at one time Captain of the Cussewago Fire Company, the earliest organization in the fire department in this city, over forty years ago, and at the time of his death he was the oldest vestryman of Christ Church, Protestant Episcopal, Meadville, having been elected to that position February 7, 1829, and for more than forty years he devoted his best energies to the welfare of the parish.

The mother of Hon. John Dick, whose maiden name was McGunnegle, was born at Carlisle in 1767, and, as already stated, came to this place with her first husband, William Dick, in 1794. Travelling at a period when this section of the country was mostly a wilderness, she went from Pittsburgh to Franklin, Penn., in a keel-boat, and traveled from Franklin to Meadville through a remarkably deep snow, on horseback, in the month of December, carrying in her arms her infant child—the future Hon. John Dick. William Dick died in 1810, and in 1817 she inter-married with Hon. Jesse Moore, formerly of Chester County, Penn., but at that time and up to his decease President Judge of this Judicial District, by whose death, in 1824, she again became a widow. She died in Meadville, March 5, 1848. She was a most exemplary, pious, Christian lady, for many years a consistent member of the Protestant Episcopal Church of Meadville.

Col. Samuel Bernard Dick, banker, Meadville, third son of Hon. John and Jane A. (Torbett) Dick, was born in Meadville, October 26, 1836, and received all the advantages of the best private schools and colleges at home, but left college to enter into business before he took his degree. He was engaged with

his father and uncle in the banking business at the breaking-out of the war of the Rebellion, and he at once tendered his services to Gov. Curtin, and was commissioned Captain of the Meadville Volunteers, the first company of troops organized in Crawford County. The company went into camp at Pittsburgh, and on the organization of the far-famed Pennsylvania Reserve Corps, in May, joined that organization, and his company became known as Company F, Ninth Regiment Pennsylvania Reserve Corps. Immediately following the first battle of Bull Run, the regiment and division were ordered to Washington, and sworn into the service of the United States for three years' service, and became the right wing of the Army of the Potomac. On the 20th of December, 1861, at Dranesville, Va., Capt. Dick was severely wounded while leading Gen. Ord's advance in that engagement. He returned home, but on the opening of the spring of 1862, although he had not entirely recovered from his wound, he rejoined his company, and participated with them in all the battles of the Army of the Potomac, under Gen. McClellan, commanding his regiment at South Mountain and Antietam. For gallant and meritorious action, while commanding his regiment, he was recommended by Gens. Mead, Reynolds, and Hooker for promotion to the rank of a Brigadier-General, but continued ill health resulting from exposure and wounds, compelled his return home on sick leave, where he remained until the first of March, 1863, when, under the advice of the surgeon in charge, he was reluctantly compelled to resign his commission.

When Gen. Lee's army moved northward into Pennsylvania in the summer of 1863, Gov. Curtin telegraphed Capt. Dick to come immediately to Harrisburg, and requested him to take charge of the organization and mustering into service of all the State troops west of the Allegheny Mountains, and at the urgent request of the Secretary of War took command of the Fifth Regiment Pennsylvania Militia, and proceeded to New Creek, Va., where he assumed command of all the forces at that point, relieving Gen. Kelly. At the expiration of this service, he returned to private life, and resumed the banking business in Meadville, in which he is still engaged, and is now the head of the firm of J. R. Dick & Co., which had been organized in 1850. In 1864 Col. Dick was elected a member of the Electoral College of Pennsylvania which cast the vote of the State for Lincoln's re-election.

Col. Dick has been very prominent in the Masonic fraternity since 1857, having served through all the minor grades in Lodge, Chapter and Commandery up to 1878, when he was elected the Grand Commander of Knights Templar in Pennsylvania, and in 1880 was elected Grand Master of Masons in Pennsylvania, being the highest distinction in the power of the fraternity to bestow. Col. Dick is the only person ever chosen to be Grand Master of Masons west of the Allegheny Mountains, and the only Mason in Pennsylvania who ever held the office of Grand Commander and Grand Master.

In 1863 Col. Dick married Miss Agnes Scott, of Pittsburgh, Penn., daughter of Thomas Scott, for many years President of the Merchants' and Manufacturers' Bank of that city, and to this union were born two children: John Henry and Harriet A. In 1878 he was elected by the Republicans of his district to represent them in Congress serving one term. He was Mayor of Meadville in 1870, and under his administration the City Market was erected. He is Director and Treasurer of the Meadville Gas Company, Meadville Water Company and Phœnix Iron Works; Director of the Meadville Glass Works, and Treasurer of Crawford Mutual Insurance Company; has been a Trustee of Allegheny College for many years, and President of the Board of Trade since its organization. The Colonel is a member of the Protestant Episcopal Church, and has been for many years a vestryman in Christ Church, Meadville. Of a

genial and warm-hearted temperament, courteous and charitable by nature, Col. S. B. Dick has made himself hosts of friends, who invoke for him many years yet of usefulness, honor and happiness.

David, second son of William and Anna (McGunnegle) Dick, and brother of Hon. John Dick, was born March 1, 1797, the second white child to see the light of day in Meadville, which was his home during his long and busy life. He was an enterprising, popular and liberal man, an intelligent and much respected citizen. He died in 1870 of erysipelas. David Dick was the originator of the anti-friction press, and the "Allegheny," the first steamboat to ascend the Allegheny River, was the product of his energy. He was a member of the Protestant Episcopal Church. He was married to Lydia C. Calhoun, of Carlisle, Penn. James R. Dick, the third son of William and Anna Dick, was born in Meadville, April 22, 1801. In 1816 he moved temporarily to Pittsburgh, Penn., where he remained five years. He then returned to Meadville and went into business with his brother David. From 1835 to 1840 he, for a second time, became engaged in business in Pittsburgh, in partnership with the late Col. David C. Stockton. About 1845 he resumed business in Meadville, in company with his brother, Gen. John, and subsequently, in 1850, established himself in the banking business, in which he remained until within a few days of his death, which occurred February 9, 1875, at which time he was Senior Warden of the Protestant Episcopal Church. He was married to Harriet, daughter of John Kelty Smith, of New Orleans, La., by whom he had one son—Jesse Moore—born in Meadville, July 22, 1833, married in 1861 to Louisa Thorp, of New York City, and died February 2, 1874, without issue. For his second wife James R. married Miss Harriet S. Thorp, of Fairfield County, Conn., and to this union were born Anna M., widow of Lieut. Com. John McFarland; Harriet S., wife of George S. Cullum; Sturges T., married to Adelaide King, daughter of Charles A. King, Esq., of Toledo, Ohio; Elizabeth W., wife of Col. J. Ford Dorrance. Wilson W., the youngest son of William and Anna Dick, was born in Meadville, July 17, 1803, and soon after attaining his majority, chose law as his profession. He was admitted to the bar of Crawford County in 1829, and immediately began to practice, but not finding the pursuit of Blackstone congenial, he soon abandoned it and assisted his brothers in merchandising. In 1832 he married Miss Elizabeth Betts. In 1840 he was elected Justice of the Peace, serving one term. From 1848 to 1850 he was engaged in the coal business at Greenville, and from 1856 to 1865 was similarly interested at Georgetown. With the exception of these two intervals and the time spent in the study of law at Pittsburgh, Penn., Mr. Dick was a continuous resident of Meadville. He was a devoted Christian man, a member of and for fifty-five years a faithful and exemplary communicant of the Episcopal Church. He died July 31, 1882.

WILLIAM F. DICKSON, foundryman, Meadville, was born in this county, February 15, 1819, and is a son of Joseph Dickson, who was born in this State in 1790, and has lived longer in this county than any man now in it. Our subject grew to manhood in Hayfield Township, this county, attending the old log-schoolhouse, and working in his father's mill from the time he was big enough to be of any use, but he was so attentive to his schooling that, in 1837, he commenced to teach school, and continued to do so for thirteen winters. In 1840 he was married to Harriet, daughter of John Burns, a native of this county, her father being a prominent farmer of Hayfield Township. They have four children—Emma, wife of Robert Anderson, of Meadville; Aurelia, wife of S. G. Curry, of Curry & Co., foundrymen; Ellen, wife of William Hoap, of Meadville, and H. M., Clerk in the Recorder's office. In 1862 Mr.

Dickson enlisted in Company H, One Hundred and Fiftieth Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, serving till the close of the war. In 1872 he was elected Register and Recorder of the county, and again in 1875, serving as a county officer for twelve years. He has been Secretary of the I. O. O. F. Lodge for thirty-five years. In 1879 he purchased his present foundry, which has been carried on under the firm name of Curry & Co. In politics our subject is a Republican.

J. COLLINS DICKSON, coal merchant, Meadville, was born March 26, 1824, in Hayfield Township, on the same farm which his grandfather, James Dickson, bought in 1794 and settled on in 1796, purchasing a tract of 800 acres for 20 cents an acre. Our subject was the third son of Joseph Dickson, and spent his youthful days on the farm and engaged in the saw and grist-mills owned by his father and grandfather. His education was limited to that obtainable at the log schools of that period. When seventeen his parents moved to Meadville, and for twenty-six summers he ran on the canal and for all but three years owned his own boat. Since 1871 Mr. Dickson has been in the coal business. He has been twice married, first in 1858 to Mary Sterrett, who died in 1872, and in the fall of the following year he was again married, on this occasion to Katie E. Wilson, and the fruit of this union is one child—Nevin R. Mr. and Mrs. Dickson are members of the Park Avenue Congregational Church. In politics he is a Republican. The father of Mr. Dickson, Joseph Dickson, is now living in Meadville at the advanced age of ninety-five years, having lived in the county since May, 1794.

ARCHIBALD S. DICKSON, Meadville, was born near here August 8, 1834, son of Joseph and Mary (Frazier) Dickson, natives of Pennsylvania, of Scotch descent. Joseph Dickson was born February 12, 1790, in Pittsburgh, Penn., and came with his parents to Crawford County, in 1794. He and his brother Robert served in the war of 1812, he being an Orderly-Sergeant, and he is still drawing a pension for his services. In 1815 and 1818 he built a flour and saw-mill, four miles north of Meadville, which he operated for eighteen years; was also engaged in farming. He is a member of the Presbyterian Church, in which he has been an Elder since 1831. His wife was born in 1800. They reared twelve children and one died in infancy, seven now residing in this county. Two of his sons participated in the late war, viz.: William now living in Meadville, and Joseph, who served as First Lieutenant. The subject of this sketch moved with his parents to Pittsburgh in 1839, and to Meadville in 1840. He attended the common schools, and when fourteen years of age commenced to learn the drug business, and when nineteen years old embarked in the same line on his own account, and this industry he conducted successfully for twenty-one years and then retired. Mr. Dickson was elected and served, 1868–69, as a member of the City Council; in 1871 was elected Mayor, and re-elected in 1872. During 1877 and 1878 he served again in the Council. He was appointed and served two years, 1878 and 1879, as President of the Missouri & Pacific Railroad; was also a Director of the the Meadville Railroad, serving as President of the latter in 1883. Mr. Dickson has successfully engaged in various enterprises.

COL. J. FORD DORRANCE, attorney at law, Meadville, was born in Kingston, Penn., April 19, 1852, and is a son of Charles and Susan (Ford) Dorrance, the former of Scotch-Irish, the latter of English descent. Charles Dorrance is a banker, and now President of Wyoming National Bank of Wilkes Barre, Penn., but in his early life was a farmer, and he still owns the 400-acre farm purchased of the Government, by Col. Benjamin Dorrance, the great-grandfather of our subject, who was a soldier in the Revolutionary war,

and was killed at the battle of Wyoming. Our subject's grandfather was a member of the Pennsylvania Legislature. Col. J. F. Dorrance is the third of a family of five children, and received his education at Lehigh University, where he graduated in 1869. Soon after he came to Meadville, and studied law with Hon. David Derickson. He was admitted to the bar in 1875, and has practiced ever since. He was married in 1875 to Elizabeth W., daughter of the late James R. Dick, for many years a prominent banker of Meadville. In 1878 Col. Dorrance was appointed on Gov. Hoyt's staff with the rank of Colonel, and served three years. He is attorney and financial agent for the Mutual Life Insurance Company of New York, and has loaned many thousands of dollars for them. He carries on a constantly increasing law business. Mr. and Mrs. Dorrance are members of Christ Church (Episcopal), of which he is a Vestryman.

JOSHUA DOUGLASS, attorney and counselor at law, Meadville, was born in Rochester, N. Y., August 1, 1826. His parents came to Meadville in 1832 and settled on a farm in Mead Township. Our subject acquired his education mostly at the academy in Meadville, and studied law with Hon. A. B. Richmond. He was married in 1848 to Calsina L. Finch, who died in 1849. He was again married in 1853 to Lavantia, daughter of Joel and Sophia Densmore, of Erie City. Their silver wedding was celebrated October 4, 1878. Their children are—Marion, born February 7, 1855, married December 22, 1875, to Charles W. Lane, of Meadville (have two children: Ralph, born May 9, 1877, and Elsie, born December 14, 1878); Ellen, born July 19, 1858, married June 23, 1880, to Cornelius Van Horne, attorney, of Meadville, Penn. (had one child, Robert, born March 23, 1884); Robert, born November 17, 1861, died in 1862; Mabel, born February 22,1864, married in July, 1882, to Harry C. Flood, of Meadville, Penn., and Gertrude, born November 8, 1866. Mr. and Mrs. Douglass are members of the Unitarian Congregation of Meadville. In 1850 Mr. Douglass went to California; returned in 1852 and commenced to read law, in which he has been successfully practicing since 1854; was admitted to the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania in 1858, to the United States Courts in 1862, and to the Supreme Court of the United States in 1869. He has been a Republican since the organization of that party. Mr. Douglass is of Scotch origin, and has in his possession a carefully written history of his family, prepared by a member of the same, which embraces many eminent names. Hon. Stephen A. Douglass is a member of the family, and is of the seventh generation.

THOMAS J. DOYLE, merchant tailor, Meadville, was born at Cavan, Ireland, November 30, 1842, son of Patrick F. and Mary (McFarland) Doyle, the former a native of Ireland the latter of Paris, France. Mrs. Patrick F. Doyle's father, James McFarland, had strong political sentiments, and was so candid and zealous in expressing his fidelity to the rebel cause, that he was forced to flee his country, and, together with his family, he resided for three years a refugee in France, and it was within this period that the mother of our subject was born. She has long survived her husband, and at this writing (fall of 1884) resides at Ballinamore, County Leitrim, Ireland. Patrick F. and Mary Doyle had born to them eight children, four of whom died in infancy. Those who attained majority are—James, residing in St. Louis, Mo.; William, deceased; Kate, now Mrs. John White, in New York City; and Thomas J. Our subject came to America in 1859, and first located in New York City, engaging with James Johnson as an apprentice to the trade he now follows. Previous to leaving Ireland he had served two and one-half years in the same vocation. He remained in New York City, perfecting himself in

his trade, with different firms, until the spring of 1865. May 1 of that year he came to Meadville, Penn., where he has since resided. He was first employed by Porter & Cowell, remaining with them in the capacity of cutter for four years. Next he engaged with Reefer & Orris, with whom he served from 1869 to 1878. In this latter year he again changed employers, and began to work for I. N. Klein, with whom he continued until the latter removed to Cleveland, Ohio, to embark in the wholesale trade. This was in 1881, at which time Mr. Doyle began business on his own account, opening out at 250 Chestnut Street, Meadville. He continued here for two years, then in 1883 formed a copartnership with W. H. Gaskill, under the firm name of Gaskill & Doyle. They began to do business at 208 Chestnut Street, in the Opera Building, and from the first their business was highly prosperous. In January, 1884, the Opera House was consumed by fire. Gaskill & Doyle rescued most of their stock, but sustained a loss of $1,000. They resumed business at once, and at this writing (fall of 1884) are located at 227 Chestnut Street. Mr. Doyle is a Democrat, candid in his manner and statements, a good friend, and devoted to his family. He married, December 22, 1866, Miss Julia A., daughter of James Housten, Esq., of Meadville, Penn. Their union has been blessed with five children, four now living: Mary J., William H., Kittie E. and E. Grace.

HENRY DREUTLEIN, cigar manufacturer, Meadville, was born in Germany, November 8, 1848, and is a son of Christopher Dreutlein, by occupation a miller, but who followed cigar making after he came to America in 1860. Henry, who is the eldest of a family of five children, received his education in his native land, and naturally learned from his father the art of manufacturing cigars. He came to Meadville in 1866, established his business here and has met with more than average success, all his brands of cigars being well and favorably known. He was married in 1872 to Caroline Worst, a native of Buffalo, N. Y., and of German descent. Their children are Catharine, Anna, G. H., Lottie and May. They are members of the Catholic Church. He votes the Democratic ticket; is a member of the K. of P. and R. A. societies.

A. L. DUNBAR, Division Superintendent of the New York, Pennsylvania & Ohio Railway, Meadville, was born in Bushnell, Pike Co., Penn., November 9, 1838, son of Francis K. and Maria (DeWitt) Dunbar, natives of Pennsylvania, the former of Scottish and the latter of Hollandish descent. Our subject, the eldest in a family of six children, received his education in the common schools of Pike and Monroe Counties, Penn., early learning telegraphy, and has been in the employment of railway companies ever since, always proving himself faithful and a competent railway man. He was married in 1867 to Mary J., daughter of John Carr, of Meadville, and they have one child—Harry. Mrs. Dunbar passed from earth in 1880. She was a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church. Our subject is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, of which he is a Trustee.

J. D. DUNN, photographer, Meadville, was born in Hayfield Township, this county, August 17, 1829, and is a son of Simeon and Eliza (Compton) Dunn. His grandfather, James Dunn, came to this county in 1794, was a farmer, for many years Justice of the Peace. He had a large family. All of his sons, seven in number, were soldiers in the war of 1812. Our subject's father, who was the youngest in the family, followed farming, spending his life in Crawford County. He had a family of seven children, of whom J. D. is the second; he died in 1866. Our subject, till seventeen years old, was raised on the farm in Hayfield Township, and after receiving a common school education, he learned plastering, which he worked at for several years until his health

gave way. He then learned photography, at which he continued one year. Then he came to Meadville and worked at plastering until 1857, when his health again failed. He then started his present business, which he has continued ever since. Mr. Dunn was twice married, on first occasion, in 1854, to Martha J. Maxwell, a native of Meadville, of Irish descent. The fruit of this marriage is one daughter—Helen E. Mrs. Dunn died in 1866,and three years later Mr. Dunn married Miss Olive Hall. They have two children—Lulu and Gertie. Mr. and Mrs. Dunn are members of the Christodelphian Church; in politics he is a member of the National Greenback party.

L. D. DUNN, undertaker and liveryman, Meadville, was born in Hayfield Township, this county, July 7, 1832, and is a son of Simeon and Eliza (Compton) Dunn, the father being of French and Scotch descent, coming to Hayfield Township in 1794, from Fayette County, Penn. The mother was a native of this county and of English descent. Our subject's grandfather, James Dunn, was a land agent and farmed here from 1794 to his death. Simeon Dunn, our subject's father, was a farmer, a soldier in the war of 1812; he raised a family of seven—five boys and two girls—all now residents of this county. The fifth son settled in Nashville, Tenn., at the close of the war, and died there October 19, 1884. L. D. Dunn, our subject, the fourth son, was educated in the common schools. He farmed until 1870, then kept store at Coon's Corners until 1876, when he came to this city and embarked in his present business. He was married in 1853 to Mary E., daughter of Dr. Hiram Boyd, the latter a resident of Crawford County for over fifty years. They have three children: Ettie, wife of Byron De Forest; H. E., a dentist in Coshocton; Mary, wife of D. D. Malroy. Mr. and Mrs. Dunn are members of the Christodelphian Church; in politics he is a Republican.

REV. JAMES J. DUNN, pastor of St. Bridget's Church, Meadville, was born in Malahide, Dublin Co., Ireland, June 9, 1841; arrived in Baltimore, Md., in 1849; entered Mt. St. Mary's College, Emmittsburg, Md., August 24, 1857; graduated at the same institution June, 1863, receiving the degrees of A. B. and A. M.; entered the seminary attached to the college in the fall of the same year and was ordained by Bishop Quinlan of Mobile for the diocese of Erie, in the church attached to the college, on October 28, 1866; remained for one year attached to the college as Adjunct Professor of Latin and Greek; entered upon missionary work at Oil City, Penn., October, 1867, was placed in charge of the congregation at Petroleum Center in June, 1868, and transferred to the charge of St. Bridget's Church, Meadville, March 4, 1874.

DAVID C. DUNN, dentist, Meadville, was born in this county, April 17, 1845, and is a son of Rensselaer and Rebecca (Compton) Dunn. The father, a carpenter and resident of this county, was twice married, our subject being the eldest of the family. He received his education in the schools of Meadville, and commenced the study of dentistry when seventeen years of age with Dr. Greenlee, of Meadville. After completing his course of study he entered upon the practice of his profession which he continued with excellent success, having been in practice here since 1869. He was married in 1868 to Elizabeth, daughter of Col. Hays, of Meadville, and they have four children, viz.: William C., Anna, Ellen, and Wallace H. Mrs. Dunn is a member of the First Presbyterian Church. Politically Mr. Dunn is a Republican.

L. F. EDSON, grocer, Meadville, was born in Bloomfield Township, this county, April 15, 1837, and is a son of Chelos and Julia Ann (Bloomfield) Edson. His mother was a daughter of Stephen Bloomfield, from whom the township was named, and who came to this county in 1815, and settled on a farm. Our subject's father was born in Massachusetts; came to this county at

an early day, settled on a farm and raised a family of thirteen children, of whom L. F. is the sixth. He received a common school education, and devoted himself to farming until he and two of his brothers enlisted in the army. One of the brothers who was in the war is now elected Prothonotary of this county. Our subject enlisted in 1863 in Company I, Eighty-third Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, and was discharged in 1865 for disability. Since he returned home he has been in mercantile business. He was twice married, on first occasion, September 12, 1861, to Esther A. Stilson, who died, and Mr. Edson then married, June 12, 1878, Amanda S. Harris, who bore him two children: Leon and Roscoe. Our subject has served two terms as Justice of the Peace in Bloomfield and Steuben Townships, and has been School Director, Collector, etc. In politics he is a Republican.

EDWARD ELLIS, M.D., Meadville, was born in Chester Mass., January 15, 1804. His parents were Ebenezer Ellis and Ruth (Stiles) Ellis. His ancestors on both sides were of English blood, and were among the earliest colonists of New England. His grandfather, Samuel Ellis, served in the French and Indian wars and in the Revolution. His father was a farmer and the father of nine children, his five sons being each six feet or over in height. Dr. Ellis is a graduate of Berkshire Medical College, which was formerly the Medical Department of Williams College, and at that time a school of reputation. He attended lectures both in Philadelphia and New York. His health being delicate he determined upon a change of locality and climate, and came in 1826 to this county, then a comparatively new and unsettled region. His practice therefore extends over a period of nearly sixty years, and now, at the age of eighty-one, he still attends to the duties of his profession. His physical strength is remarkable and his health unimpaired. Dr. Ellis has been twice married; first, on April 4, 1832, to Mrs. Mary Kennedy, who died in 1840; afterward on March 31, 1842, to Miss Sarah Buchanan, of Meadville, who died March 14, 1844. By his second marriage he had one daughter, Elizabeth Ruth, who was married in 1864 to the Rev. Marison Byllesby, then and for some time afterward Rector of Christ Church, Meadville. Of this church Dr. Ellis was one of the Wardens for many years, and is still a Vestryman. During his long residence in Meadville Dr. Ellis has taken an active interest in the welfare of the community. He has aided many young men in obtaining an education, and established others in business, some of whom are now prominent and successful men. He was at one time largely interested in manufacturing and other enterprises which promised to contribute greatly to the prosperity of the place, but which turned out to be unfortunate investments, and resulted in the total loss of his large property. His losses, however, have neither lessened the cheerfulness of his temper nor his kindness of heart.

CHARLES FARNICORN, butcher, Meadville, was born in Germany June 20, 1835, and is a son of Francis K. Farnicorn, a tailor by trade, who came to America in 1846, settling down as a farmer in this county. He had a family of three children. Charles, the eldest, was reared on the farm, where he worked by the month for several years, and acquired his education in the common schools. In 1846 he came to Meadville, remaining here two years, when he moved back into the country. In 1870 he commenced butchering, which he still follows. He was married to Barbara, daughter of Andrew Dudenhoffer, a prominent farmer of this county. They have five children—Anna M., John J., Edward C., Mary L., and Margaret R. They are both members of the Catholic Church. In politics he is a Democrat. He has been a member of the Town Council, and in 1884 he was elected Mayor of Meadville.

DAVID M. FARRELLY, attorney, Meadville, was born March 15, 1807, in Meadville, and is a son of Patrick and Elizabeth (Meade) Farrelly; the former a native of Ireland, and who came to this county at an early day, was a lawyer. He was elected to Congress in 1820, served three terms, but died about the close of his last term. Our subject's mother was a daughter of Gen. Meade, who was at one time a large and wealthy land owner here, and laid out Meadville, of which he was the founder. Of Patrick and Elizabeth Farrelly's family, David M., our subject, is the eldest. He is a graduate of Allegheny College, and in 1824 entered West Point as a cadet, remaining three years, when he returned to Meadville and studied law under David Derickson. In the spring of 1830 he was appointed Register and Recorder of Deeds of Crawford County by Gov. Wolfe. In 1836 he was elected a member of the Constitutional Convention. In 1838 he was appointed Surveyor in locating Erie Canal from Glenville to Erie, and had charge of that line of survey. He is now one of the oldest law practitioners in Meadville. His brother, Hon. John Wilson Farrelly, is a graduate of Allegheny College, and in 1840 was elected to Congress from this district. He served under Presidents Taylor and Fillmore as Sixth Auditor of the Treasury Department of the United States. Our subject's other brother, Patrick, a graduate of West Point, was a Lieutenant in the Mexican war, and died at Fort Ouichita in 1852. Our subject was married in 1843 to Elizabeth Meade, who was a grand-daughter of Gen. Meade. They have five children now living.

JAMES FERGUSON, dentist, Meadville, was born in Canada, November 23, 1837, and is a son of Edward and Mary Ann (Kirkpatrick) Ferguson, natives of Ireland, who reared a family of five sons and one daughter, our subject being the third child. He received his education in his native land, and there learned printing, working at that business for four years. During the war of the Rebellion he came to the United States, and in 1864 was in the Quartermaster's Department. After the war he took up the study of dentistry, attending the Royal College of Dental Surgeons of Ontario, Canada, where he graduated in 1871. In 1879 he was married in Canada to Elizabeth G. Sanders, and they have two children—Grace and Edward James. The Doctor has established a good practice in Meadville.

THEODORE L. FLOOD, Meadville, was born in Williamsburg, Penn., February 20, 1842. He was educated in the academy of his native town, and studied privately two years under Dr. Ulysses Hewitt, of the same place; received his theological education at the Biblical Institute, Concord, N. H., now the school of theology in the Boston University. He was converted in his sixteenth year in Williamsburg; was licensed to exhort when eighteen, and licensed as a local preacher in his twentieth year. He served in the war nine months as First Sergeant and Lieutenant; joined the New Hampshire Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church in his twenty-second year, in 1864; served as Superintendent of the public schools in Salem, N. H., one year. While pastor of the Methodist Episcopal Church in that place (he was pastor in New Hampshire from 1864 to 1874, at Rumney, Seabrook, Salem, Newmarket and Keene) he was made Presiding Elder of the Concord District in the New Hampshire Conference when thirty-two years of age, and was elected President of the New Hampshire State Sunday-school Convention in 1874, which was composed of delegates from eleven different religious denominations. Failing health obliged him to seek a change of climate, and he was transferred to the Erie Conference, and stationed at Jamestown, N. Y., in April, of 1874. While here, he delivered a series of four lectures, which were published by the congregation in pamphlet form: "Temperance and the

Excise Law," "Spiritualism," "Protestantism and the Romish Church," and "The Bible in the Common Schools." His next pastorate was the First Methodist Episcopal Church at Meadville, Penn., a body of about 700 members. Allegheny College is located here, and the faculty and students mostly attend this church. Here Mr. Flood delivered a series of three lectures which were printed in a number of local papers, also in the *Assembly Herald*. They were: "Novels and Novel Reading," "Modern Social Life," "Theater Going, Dancing and Card Playing." Mr. Flood is the author of a book published by Estes & Lauriat, of Boston, Mass., entitled, "A Hundred Ministers and how they Switched off." While pastor in Jamestown, N. Y., he published a monthly local church paper entitled, the *Herald of the Cross*, also published one in Meadville called the *Evangel*. In 1876 the Ohio Wesleyan University conferred upon Mr. Flood the degree of Master of Arts. Mr. Flood as editor, and Mr. M. Bailey, of Jamestown, N. Y., as manager, founded the Chautauqua *Assembly Daily Herald*, the official organ of the great Chautauqua meetings in 1875, and at this writing Mr. Flood has entered upon his ninth year as editor of this paper. It is a quarto forty-eight column paper issued monthly, till July, 1880, during the year, and daily during the Chautauqua meetings in August. There were 6,000 copies of the daily issued in August, 1880, and 6,000 copies of the monthly the previous year. Mr. Flood purchased Mr. Bailey's interest in the Chautauqua periodicals in October, 1880, so that he is now the editor and proprietor of both the *Assembly Herald* and the *Chautauquan*. Mr. Flood, with the Rev. J. W. Hamilton, of Boston, Mass., has published at the Methodist Episcopal Book Concern in New York City a book, "Lives of the Methodist Bishops," from the standpoint of an active episcopacy. The design of the book is to give a sketch of the life of every deceased Bishop in every branch of Episcopal Methodism, with a steel engraving of each one. The articles have been prepared by eminent writers in all branches of Methodism, both in England and America, and several of them by Mr. Flood. Mr. Flood was elected a member of the General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church which met in May, 1880, in Cincinnati, Ohio. He was made Doctor of Divinity by Mount Union College at Alliance, Ohio, in 1881. In 1880 Dr. Flood, as editor and proprietor, established in Meadville the *Chautauquan*, a monthly magazine, organ of the Chautauqua Literary and Scientific Circle. The first year it reached a circulation of 15,000 copies, and in 1884 its circulation had reached nearly 50,000 copies. After three years' service in Meadville, Dr. Flood preached two years at Trinity Church, Oil City, and supplied the pulpit of the Methodist Episcopal Church in Titusville one year. In December, 1883, he purchased the Meadville *Daily* and *Weekly Republican*, located at Meadville, Penn., the leading secular and political journals of Crawford County. He made his son, Harry C. Flood, editor and proprietor of these periodicals. Dr. Flood was elected in 1883, the second time, delegate to the General Conference of his church, at the head of the delegation. In 1883 he purchased a residence on the Diamond, in Meadville, where he now resides. Our subject was married, June 20, 1862, in Huntingdon, Penn., to Miss Annie M., daughter of David Black, Esq., of that town, and by this union were born two sons and one daughter: Harry C., Ned A. and Rebie M. Dr. Flood retired from the pastorate in October, 1882, to devote himself exclusively to the editorial work and business management of the Chautauqua periodicals.

HARRY C. FLOOD, editor and proprietor of the *Republican*, Meadville, was born May 19, 1864, in Huntingdon County, Penn., son of Theodore L. and Annie M. C. (Black) Flood, the former born in Blair County, Penn., the

latter in Huntingdon County, Penn. Our subject, their eldest son, received the principal part of his education in Allegheny College. He studied law and graduated in Albany (N. Y.) Law School in 1883, and opened a law office in Franklin, Ind., but returned to Meadville the same year, and entered upon his present work, that of editor and proprietor of the Meadville *Daily* and *Weekly Republican*. His father, Theodore L. Flood, D. D., has had charge of the *Chautauqua Magazine* for several years, and Harry C., naturally inclined to journalistic work, has succeeded in building up a large patronage for his paper. As the name of the paper would indicate, his views are Republican.

JAMES F. FRAZIER, druggist, Meadville, was born in Meadville, May 16, 1847, son of Roderick and Mary (Morris) Frazier. The former, a native of Chester County, Penn., of Scotch descent, born May 2, 1802, came to Meadville with his parents in 1806, and here learned the tanner's trade and carried on a tannery for many years. He also manufactured boots and shoes, and carried on a meat market, conducting all three businesses cotemporaneously, besides, in later life, owning and operating a flour-mill, thus proving him to have been an energetic, active and useful business man in the early days. Mr. Frazier died in 1852. His family consisted of seven children, four of whom are now residents of Meadville. His wife was of Welsh descent, and came with her parents to Meadville in 1815. Her father, a farmer, was a native of New York. She died in 1856.

A. M. FULLER, merchant, Meadville, was born in 1847, in Little Falls, N. Y., son of M. A. and Mary (Holcomb) Fuller, natives of New York, of English descent, parents of two children. M. A. Fuller was a merchant in Meadville for sixteen years, having commenced business in 1848. Our subject came to Meadville in 1870 and embarked in the dry goods business, which he has continued in up to the present time, employing now sixteen hands. His store, which stood in the Opera Block, was destroyed by fire January 8, 1884, and Mr. Fuller has since purchased a quarter interest in the property with a view to again prosecuting his business in the same quarters. Our subject has attained his present position as a business man by his own efforts, and has succeeded in establishing a large and profitable business. He was married January 27, 1876, to Elizabeth, daughter of Leon C. Magaw, and to this union were born two children: Marian and Frederick. Mr. Fuller was elected President of the P. S. D. A., serving four years, and re-elected in 1884. The dairy is one of the leading farming industries of the county, and has contributed more largely than any other interest to the prosperity of the farming community of this section. He was also elected, in 1884, President of the Meadville Glass Company (limited), an enterprise he was active in establishing and in which he has been a stock-holder since its organization. He has taken a special interest in all public improvements, being especially energetic in securing the repairing of the streets of Meadville and the accomplishing of other improvements of advantage to the city. Mr. Fuller is connected with the Congregational Church, in the organization of which he took active part.

CHARLES GABLE, proprietor Gable House, Meadville, was born November 3, 1830, in Woodcock Township, this county, on his father's farm, son of John C. and Sarah (Frankfield) Gable, natives of Lehigh County, Penn., and who came to this county in 1825, locating in Woodcock Township. John G. Gable first engaged in agriculture, which he followed two years, when he removed to Meadville and began the business of teaming between Erie and Pittsburgh, an enterprise he conducted for six years and then returned to agriculture, which vocation he continued to follow until his death. To the union of John G. and Sarah Gable were born seven children, five of whom are now living,

residents of this county. Charles Gable, our subject, the youngest surviving child, remained on the farm with his father until he arrived at the age of nineteen, when he was employed with his brother John, who was conducting the Crawford House in Meadville. His engagement with his brother extended over a period of two years, and on April 1, 1852, he assumed exclusive control and management of the hotel, and retained this relation until 1856, when he formed a co-partnership with C. S. Eyre, and conducted a general store on corner of Chestnut and South Main Streets, where now stands the stone Methodist Church. Business was continued at this stand five years, when it was removed to Tidioute, Penn., and in 1863 the partnership was dissolved. Our subject then embarked in the transportation of oil from Pit Hole, Venango County, to Scott's Landing, Warren Co., Penn., by flat-boat. This was in the spring and summer of 1863. The following winter he owned teams and engaged in the transportation of oil from Oil Creek to Titusville, Penn. On March 1, 1864, our subject purchased in Meadville the property which he now occupies and conducts, known as the Gable House. After nine years of prosperity he leased out his city property and moved to the farm, formerly owned by his brother John, on the old State road, which farm of 170 acres is beautifully situated and has been much improved. In 1873 Mr. Gable retook possession of the Gable House, and since that date has continued to conduct it with success. Our subject was elected in 1882 to a seat in the City Council. He was married April 27, 1857, to Nancy A. Stainbrook, of Meadville, Penn. To this union have been born ten children, nine now living: Arthur E.; Charles E., married in 1883, to Miss Florence Archer, of Meadville, Penn. (have one son, an infant); Frank P.; Emmett E.; Carrie; Georgia, married in 1884, to A. H. Steele, of Meadville, Penn.; William H.; Burton and Hattie May.

JAMES D. GILL, one of the oldest business men of Meadville, was born September 17, 1822, on the west bank of French Creek, Hayfield Township, this county, son of Robert and Harriet (Dunn) Gill, the latter of whom was a daughter of James Dunn, a Captain in the Revolutionary war. Robert Gill was born in Scotland, and was the eldest son of William Gill, a carpenter by trade, who came from Glasgow in 1786, settling in Pittsburgh, Penn. In 1793 he came to Crawford County and after raising a crop returned to Pittsburgh, and in 1794 moved with his family to what is now Hayfield Township, this county, where he followed farming the balance of his life. His eldest son, the father of our subject, acquired his education in the subscription schools of Hayfield Township, and followed farming until his death, which occurred in 1828. Our subject, after attending the schools of his native township, Meadville Academy and Allegheny College, clerked in a store at Meadville for six years. In 1844 he started a general store on his own account and continued in this business until 1857, when he embarked in the hardware trade, which he conducted till 1873. In 1874 he was elected President of the Crawford Mutual Insurance Company, and in 1877 President of the Meadville Water Company, and is filling both these positions at the present time. Mr. Gill has been twice married: on the first occasion in 1847 to Elizabeth, daughter of Gen. Daniel Shryock, who bore him one child—William R. (now deceased). Mr. Gill lost his wife by death in 1851, and in 1853 was remarried to her sister—Susan E. Shryock, by whom he has three children: Harriet E.; D. A., who is now managing the hardware business, and Elizabeth. In politics Mr. Gill is a Democrat. In 1857 he was elected to the Borough Council; in 1865 was appointed Chief Engineer of the Fire Department, a post he filled with honor, and in 1873 served as Mayor of Meadville.

WILLIAM GILL, hardware merchant, Meadville, was born January 28,

1842, in Meadville, Penn., son of William and Maria E. (Mead) Gill, who were both natives of this county, the former of Scotch and the latter of English descent. William Gill, Sr., was a house plasterer by trade, but in later life was a dry goods and grocery merchant. Our subject, who was the fourth child, was educated at Allegheny College, and in the Commercial College at Pittsburgh, Penn. In early life he acted as clerk, and in 1860 he embarked in the hardware business, in which he still continues. Mr. Gill was married in 1874 to Blanche S., daughter of Hiram Stowe and a sister of Hon. E. H. Stowe, of Pittsburgh, Penn. They have four children, viz.: Katherine C., David Donald, Robert Stowe and Martha Stowe. In politics Mr. Gill is a Democrat.

NORTON L. GLEASON, attorney at law, Meadville, was born in South Shenango Township, Crawford Co., Penn., April 11, 1852, and is a son of Norton D. and Sarah E. (Hart) Gleason, both of English descent. His parents were natives of Trumbull County, Ohio, and came to Crawford County, Penn., to farm in 1833, settling in South Shenango Township, raising a family of six children, of whom our subject is fourth. He was reared on the farm and received an excellent education, finishing in the following schools, viz.: Edinboro State Normal, Farmington Seminary and Allegheny College. After this he entered the law office of Compton & McKay, of Meadville, in 1874, and was admitted to practice April 6, 1876; commenced practice in Meadville the same year, but in 1877 he went to Cochranton, Penn., where he remained in the practice until 1883, when he returned to Meadville. In our subject's educational career he taught in all ten terms, and supported himself at college by teaching. His mother died August 9, 1870, his father May 28, 1880. He is an active member of the I. O. O. F., having filled all the chairs. Politically he is a Republican.

JAMES GRAHAM, Clerk of Court, Meadville, was born in Beaver County, Penn., May 5, 1838, and is a son of Hugh and Anna (Johnson) Graham, natives of Pennsylvania and of Scotch-Irish descent. His father was a carpenter and came to this county in 1856, raising a family of four children, of whom James, the eldest, learned his father's trade, working at building sawmills, etc. In 1876 he was elected Justice of the Peace of Bloomfield Township, and continued in this office till 1882, when he was elected to his present position. He was married in 1861 to Sarah Lincoln, a native of this county, and their children are Eva, Jennie, Lyman and Addie. They are members of the Second Presbyterian Church. He is a Republican.

THOMAS W. GRAYSON, editor and proprietor of the *Crawford Democrat*, Meadville, was born in Baltimore, Md., in 1817, son of John Grayson, a native of Ireland, who was brought to the United States in his infancy. John Grayson marched out of Baltimore as First Lieutenant in the war of 1812 and participated in various engagements and conflicts with Great Britain, remaining in the service until the declaration of peace in 1815 and officiating as Adjutant of two consolidated regiments. Upon going to the war office at Washington for his discharge he was there informed that he was assigned to the peace establishment and would be located at Fort McHenry. He declined the proffered honor for the reason that he had no taste for the service in time of peace. Soon after the war he married Martha, daughter of John and Mary Wray, and in 1817 established the *Washington Examiner*. In 1839 he was succeeded in the publication of the paper by his eldest son, Thomas W. Grayson, who was the senior of four brothers and two sisters. In 1860 the subject of this sketch sold out his interest in the *Washington Examiner* and in May, 1861, became editor and proprietor of the *Crawford Democrat*.

JOHN HAAS, butcher, Meadville, was born in the town of Mergentheim, Wurtemberg, Germany, August 12, 1848, and is a son of John Andrew and Barbara (Keitel) Haas, natives of Germany. John Haas received a good education in Germany, and early learned the trade of his father, that of a butcher, at which he has worked all his life, with the exception of three months when he first came to Meadville, at which time he worked in a brick yard. In 1873 he came from Germany, and remained in New York for a time working at his trade. His health failing, he went to England but returned as soon as he recovered and settled in Meadville in 1875, working five years here for Harry Peirson, in the butchering business. Since 1880 he has been in business, and since 1882 he has carried on the industry alone. He was married in 1873 to Sophia Hofman, a native of Germany, by whom he has three children, Matilda, Charles and Sophia. Mr. and Mrs. Haas are members of the German Lutheran Church. He is a member of the A. O. U. W.; in politics a Democrat.

SAMUEL T. HALLOCK (deceased) was born in the Empire State, July 4, 1812, and received his schooling in his native State. His parents were members of the Society of Friends (Quakers). His early life was spent as a merchant in New York State. For a time he was a commission merchant in New York City, subsequently a merchant at Dentville, N. Y., and in 1847 came to Riceville, this county, where he carried on a store, grist-mill and saw-mill in company with Jesse Smith, until 1856, when he retired to a farm. His wife's maiden name was Sarah C. Bailey, a native of Massachusetts. Their union was blessed with eight children, of whom five now survive: Dr. W. B. Hallock, of Cromwell, Conn.; E. N., an oil dealer of Bradford, Penn.; Martha, wife of N. A. T. Carroll, of Buffalo, N. Y.; Hannah S.; P. F., an attorney of Meadville, the only representative of the family now in Crawford County. He was born in Crawford County, March 30, 1849, and choose law as his profession, studying in the office of Joshua Douglass in Meadville, and was admitted in 1878; to the Supreme Court in 1881. In politics he is Democratic. He was married in Brooklyn, N. Y., in 1878, to Miss Julia A. Barto. Their children are Robert P.,(deceased) and Edith, now two years old. The subject of this sketch was a conductor on the "underground railroad," being among the early Abolitionists, and always took an active interest in public affairs.

JOHN HAMMER, SR., retired manufacturer, Meadville, was born in Bavaria, Germany, July 22, 1822. He received a common school education and early in life was set to learn the cooper trade, at which his father, John Hammer, and his grandfather, George Hammer, both worked. He came to New York in 1846 and worked at his trade in that city until 1862, when he came to Meadville, and opened a shop, commencing with eighteen hands. He afterward took in two partners and added a saw-mill to the business, then employing about thirty hands. In 1880 he commenced the manufacture of cigars, but has now turned the business over to his sons. He was married in 1847 to Rosena Long, a native of Bavaria. Their children are: John, cigar manufacturer, Meadville, married; Edward, in business with his brother; John, also married; Emma and Louisa, at home; Pauline, wife of George Hessinger, cigar manufacturer, Meadville. Mr. and Mrs. Hammer are members of the Protestant Lutheran Church.

JOSEPH HAMPSON, plumber and gas-fitter, Meadville, was born in Toronto, Canada, July 31, 1844, and is a son of William and Elizabeth (Smiley) Hampson, natives of England, who immigrated to Toronto in 1830, where our subject's father died in 1876. Joseph, the sixth in a family of ten children, was educated in Toronto, where he learned the trade of a tinner, working at

the same five years. In 1864 he came to Cincinnati and the following year to Meadville, embarking in his present business. He was married in 1865 to Elizabeth Dolmage, a native of Canada, of English parentage, and this union has been blessed with twelve children, of whom two sons and seven daughters still survive. Mr. Hampson, by his own exertions, has acquired a fair competency, having, besides real estate in the city, a farm in Mead Township.

JOSEPH M. HANNAH, butcher, Meadville, was born December 2, 1850, in Meadville, Penn., son of James and Rebecca (Leiphart) Hannah, former a native of Scotland, latter of Pennsylvania, parents of eight children, viz.: John, Sarah (widow of T. York, a railroad conductor killed in a collision December 24, 1883); Joseph M.; Robert (married to Julia Conners); Ella; James (married to Margaret De Ross); Ida; William and Frank (two latter deceased). James Hannah came to this county about 1824–26 and settled in the city of Meadville. He was a wagon and buggy-maker by trade, and for many years did an extensive business in that line on Arch Street, Meadville. Our subject was married April 18, 1870, to Christina, daughter of George Houser, who bore him one child—Agnes. Mr. Hannah received his education in Meadville; went into business first with his brother in 1877, afterward bought him out, and since 1878 has carried on butchering. Mr. Hannah ranks among the prominent butchers in Meadville. Is a member of the Royal Arcanum.

WALTER S. HARPER, Mayor of Meadville for 1882 and 1883, also proprietor of planing-mill and lumber yard, was born in Vernon Township, Crawford Co., Penn., March 16, 1834, son of Robert and Rebecca (Quigley) Harper, who were also natives of that township, the former of whom died in 1865, the latter in 1879. His paternal grandfather, David Harper, was born in Ireland, and came to this county, settling in Vernon Township, in 1802. He was a soldier in the Revolutionary war, by occupation a farmer. Our subject's mother was of English and Scotch descent. His great-grandfather Quigley was a Colonel in the Revolutionary war. James Quigley was the first Sheriff of this county. Our subject is a member of a family of fourteen children, thirteen growing to manhood and womanhood, twelve of whom still reside in this county. He was reared on a farm and received a common school education. At eighteen years of age he learned the carpenter's trade, and from that entered his present occupation. In 1870 he bought an interest in his present business, and in 1877 he bought out his partner and has since been conducting the business alone, employing from fifteen to twenty men. Our subject married in 1863 Miss Sarah Denny; she dying, he became united in marriage with Margaret, daughter of John Glenn, of Erie, Penn., and to this union were born three children: Florence E., Margery B., and Walter G.

HENRY HARTMAN, blacksmith, Meadville, was born in Vernon Township, this county, in May, 1824. His parents, Jacob and Barbara (Marsh) Hartman, were natives of Switzerland and came to America in 1817, and to this county in 1820, where they resided until their death. Mr. Hartman was married in March, 1848, to Phebe L. Morris, a daughter of John Morris. They had seven children, all of whom are living and are residents of Meadville with the exception of the eldest daughter, Mrs. E. P. Clark, Vassar, Mich. Mrs. Hartman died November 1, 1880. Mr. Hartman began his trade in Meadville in 1842. In 1845 he went to Wisconsin and after remaining there two years returned to Meadville, where he began business for himself, which he has continued in the same place to the present day. He and his son carry on an extensive blacksmith shop on Dock Alley.

COL. JOSEPH C. HAYS, Meadville, was born in Somerset, Penn., July 4, 1810. His grandfather on his mother's side was Samuel Wallace, of Cumber-

land County, Penn., a Scotchman by birth, and his grandfather John Hays settled in Franklin County, Penn., on his arrival in this county from Ireland. His father, whose name was also John, died in Somerset, Penn., July 11, 1811, leaving a family of four sons and one daughter. The widowed mother removed soon after to Carlisle, Penn., and subsequently to Harrisburg. After a brief stay in Franklin County at his grandparents' home, the boy—Joseph C. —acquiring the elements of an English education in a log schoolhouse, the family removed to Harrisburg, Penn., where he completed his education at the academy in that city, and then commenced to learn the art of printing in an office owned principally by Simon Cameron. But he soon after went to Philadelphia in order to perfect a knowledge of the business in a book-printing establishment. His health failing through close application to business, he was induced to accept a clerical position, and for several years performed the duties of book-keeper to a firm who were builders and contractors of the large viaduct over the Conemaugh River on the Allegheny Mountains, seven miles above Johnstown, being then called the "Portage Railroad" (the first road of the kind built by the State of Pennsylvania). His health being established, our subject engaged in several undertakings, one of which was the publishing a paper called the *Expositor*, in company with George Fleming, of Carlisle, Penn. In 1836 he removed to Meadville, Penn., where he issued the first number of a paper called the *Statesman*, on July 27th of that year, which was continued under his control until May, 1841, when Col. Hays was appointed Postmaster of Meadville by President Harrison. His official career was cut short by John Tyler, who came to the Presidency on the death of Gen. Harrison. He then engaged for a season in mercantile pursuits, but in 1848 he relinquished these for the press, and January 13 of that year, commenced the publication of the *Crawford Journal*. The political sentiments of this paper were those of the Whig party, although its anti-slavery views were so pronounced as to give it the character of an "Abolition sheet." This paper our subject continued to own and control until 1864. During most of this time the *Journal* was the only paper of this class in Meadville, and the party increased from a minority of over 500 in 1848, to a majority of 2,500 in 1860.

Col. Hays was variously honored by the party during this period. In 1859 he was elected County Treasurer, and sent as delegate to the Chicago Convention that nominated Abraham Lincoln for President in 1860. The latter, in 1861, appointed him Postmaster of Meadville, but he was removed from this position in 1862 on charges which were proven false. Col. Hays, on his own urgent demand, was tried by the United States District Court held at Pittsburgh, Penn., in October, 1862, and a verdict of acquittal rendered by the jury on the charges preferred against him. The finding of the jury was approved by the presiding Judge and the United States District Attorney, and certified to President Lincoln. The latter, in vindication, appointed Col. Hays, in May, 1864, an Assistant Quartermaster with the rank of Captain. An accident which befel him at Chambersburg, Penn., soon after the rebels burnt that city, disabled him from active service, and he resigned.

In January, 1872, he was appointed a Postoffice Inspector, which position he held until August 15, 1883, nearly twelve years, and when he retired received from the head of his Department a certificate that he had proved himself "an efficient and conscientious officer." The title, "Colonel," was conferred on him by two different Governors of Pennsylvania (Pollock and Curtin), they appointing him an Aid-de-Camp on their staffs with that rank. Educated in Presbyterianism, and having early joined a church of that pursuasion, he became affiliated with the First Presbyterian Church of Meadville, Penn., in

which he is at present a Ruling Elder, and lives retired from business among friends acquired during a residence of nearly half a century.

ERNEST A. HEMPSTEAD, editor and proprietor of the *Crawford Journal*, Meadville, was born in Dimock, Susquehanna Co., Penn., about six miles south of Montrose, December 15, 1851, and for the first decade of his life resided there and in the adjoining town of Brooklyn, when he removed to Philadelphia. He received his education in the public schools of that city, entering the high school at the age of fourteen and remaining three years. He came to Meadville in 1870, entering the office of the *Crawford Journal* for the purpose of acquiring a thorough knowledge of the art of printing. January 1, 1873, just two weeks after he had arrived at his majority, he took editorial charge of the *Journal* during the absence of the editor, L. W. Thickstun, at Harrisburg. In April following he took entire charge of the office and became the publisher of the paper. In June, 1874, in company with his father, O. G. Hempstead, of Philadelphia, he purchased the office, and in 1883 purchasing the interest of his father, he became the owner of the business, which during the ten years of his management has increased more than fourfold. Mr. Hempstead has conducted the *Crawford Journal* eleven years and a half, a longer time than any of his predecessors, excepting the founder, J. C. Hays. The *Crawford Journal* under that name was founded in 1848, and is now in its thirty-sixth volume. Mr. Hays, the founder, was the editor until 1863 or 1864. He was succeeded within two years by John D. Nichols, Bliss & Nichols, R. C. Frey, Thomas McKean, Robert Andrews and Hollister & Metcalf. In 1868 Tyler & Chalfont became the owners, and a few months later Col. C. W. Tyler purchased the interest of his partner, and conducted the business until 1872. This, in brief, is the history of the *Crawford Journal* and of its present owner and editor.

EDGAR HUIDEKOPER (deceased), was born at Meadville, Penn., May 30, 1812, and died September 9, 1862, in his native place, which had always been his residence. His father was Harm Jan Huidekoper, a native of Holland, who came to America in 1796, arrived at Meadville, his subsequent home, in the year 1804, and on the 1st day of January, 1805, became the local agent of the Holland Land Company, which position he held until its affairs were wound up. His mother was Rebecca (Colhoon) Huidekoper, of Scotch descent, born at Carlisle, Penn. He was married on the 28th day of June, 1838, to Frances Shippen, daughter of Henry Shippen, President Judge of the Sixth Judicial District of Pennsylvania. To this union eight children were born, six sons and two daughters, named respectively: Henry Shippen, Frederic Wolters, Herman John, Edgar, Gertrude, Elizabeth, Rush Shippen and Frank Colhoon. Edgar Huidekoper, the subject of this memoir, was a man of good judgment, great industry and strict integrity in his business relations in life. He was an able financier. He was Treasurer of the Meadville Theological School in its early days, carrying on this task with untiring industry and unsleeping vigilance joined to enterprise and courage. He made judicious investments whereby its scanty funds yielded large returns. He was a patriot as well as faithful citizen, performing his duties to the community in which he lived, to the church to which he was attached, and to his country with that zeal which characterized all his acts. And yet out of the strong came forth sweetness. He was affectionate, with a love passing the love of a woman. His thoughtfulness for others was kind and generous. He could confer favors with that delicacy which leaves no taint of pride with the giver, no sense of humiliation with the receiver. He established the first steam grist-mill at Meadville, contributed

toward public improvements and built for himself and family a comfortable home on Chestnut Hill. Whatever he did, he did well.

PROF. FREDERIC HUIDEKOPER, Meadville, son of H. J. and Rebecca Huidekoper, was born April 7, 1817, in a portion of Mead Township now included in Meadville, this county. He attended for a year or two village schools, but from 1825 to 1834 he had, with his brothers and sisters, private tuition in his own home. In 1834 he entered Harvard University one year in advance. After having studied that year and commenced the succeeding one, the oculist ordered him to give up study, which he did for six years. During four of these he worked on the farm, allowing himself ten minutes a day for reading. During the next two years (1839–41) he traveled in Holland, Germany, Switzerland, France and Great Britain. On his return home he studied theology during two years, but was precluded from entering the theological school at Cambridge as his sight would not safely permit the study of Hebrew, which was then required. In 1844 he aided in starting the Meadville Theological School, in which he taught during many years. His three published works are "Belief of the First Three Centuries Concerning Christ's Mission to the Underworld" (1854), "Judaism at Rome" (1876) and "Indirect Testimony of History to the Genuineness of the Gospels" (1878). He aided in laying out Greendale Cemetery, and was instrumental after many years' labor in straightening the southern extremity of Meadville.

HON. H. J. HUMES, State Senator and attorney at law, Meadville, was born in Woodcock Township, this county, September 29, 1844, and is a son of James and Eliza (Snell) Humes, his father being a native of this county, of Scotch-Irish descent, and following agriculture as his life pursuit; his mother being of English descent, but born in Connecticut. Our subject was the second in a family of four children, and received his education in the common schools, at Edinboro Normal School and at Allegheny College, where he graduated in 1869. He studied law with W. R. Bole, in Meadville; was admitted to practice in 1871, and commenced business in Meadville in October, 1872, for himself, and has ever since continued here. In politics he is a Democrat. In 1873 and 1874 he was Chairman of the Democratic County Committee, and in 1876 a member of the State Committee, and in 1882 was elected State Senator for the Fiftieth District of Pennsylvania, by 401 majority. As author of the Humes Bill, compelling the investment of the surplus funds in the State Treasury in State or United States bonds, he acquired a State reputation. He was married, in 1874, to Delia E., daughter of Thomas J. Lowery, who was an early settler of this county, and at one time Associate Judge. Mr. Lowery was of Scotch-Irish extraction. Mr. and Mrs. Humes have one child—Lowery E., born July 26, 1878. Our subject is a prominent member of the A. O. U. W. He is pre-eminently a self-made man, and deserves credit for his success in life.

SAMUEL W. KEPLER, proprietor of the Kepler House, Meadville, was born in this county, June 19, 1821, son of Jacob and Margaret A. (Peiffer) Kepler, the former a native of Maryland, and eldest son of Peter Kepler, who located in LeBœuf Township, Erie Co., Penn., in 1798, the latter a native of Pennsylvania. Jacob began his business career in 1817, in Woodcock, this county, conducting a hotel there for twenty-one years, at same time keeping the postoffice. He was the father of thirteen children. In 1843 he abandoned the hotel business and removed on a farm in Hayfield Township, this county, where he remained about twenty-six years, and then came to Venango and opened a tavern. Much of his time was occupied in the manufacture of domestic wines. He served through the war of 1812. He died in

1877, in his eighty-fourth year. His widow still draws a pension from the government. Our subject married, in 1843, Christine, daughter of Michael Sherred, of this county, and to this union were born seven children, five now living: Pharus D., Peter S., E. Cassius, Frank P. and Thomas. In 1860 Mr. Kepler married (for second time), Martha C., daughter of Maj. Reuben Strouss, of Saegertown, this county, and seven children were the result of this union, five now living—Edgar, Tracy, Anna, Mattie and Frederick. Our subject commenced business in 1853 by opening a hotel at McKean Corners, Erie County, where he remained two years; then moved to Venango, this county, and there kept hotel until 1860. Following five years he spent in Titusville, Penn., in same line of business, and then for three years operated a farm in Woodcock Township, this county. In 1868 Mr. Kepler took charge of the Eagle Hotel, Meadville, and at different intervals kept two other hotels, till 1879, in which year he opened the Kepler House. Our subject and family are members of the Unitarian Church; he is a member of the A. O. U. W., E. A. U., and I. O. O. F., Encampment D. D. G. P.

THEODORE B. LASHELLS, physician, Meadville, was born in New Berlin, Union Co., Penn., March 20, 1839, son of George E. and Eliza (Baskin) Lashells. Dr. Lashells received his classical education at Jefferson College, Washington County, Penn., and his medical education at Columbia College, Washington, D. C., from which institution he graduated in February, 1862, when he entered the United States service as Assistant Surgeon, Twelfth Pennsylvania Volunteer Cavalry. Was promoted to the rank of Surgeon, and assigned to the One Hundred and Seventy-first Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, in which he served till the fall of 1863. He was taken prisoner of war and paroled, during which time, and before his exchange, he built and organized the St. Aloysius Hospital, at the National capital. Returning home in ill health, he began the practice of his profession at Meadville, where he has remained since. In 1864 he was appointed Surgeon of the Board of Enrollment for this Congressional District, which position he held till the close of the war. In 1868 he was appointed Surgeon for the Atlantic & Great Western Railroad, now the New York, Pennsylvania & Ohio Railroad, which position he still retains. The Doctor is at present a member of the Board of Examining Surgeons for pensions for this county. He was married, October 1, 1863, to Miss Jane Kellogg, step-daughter of Maj. Samuel A. Torbett, and two children have blessed this union—Mary Bess, born July 20, 1865, and Edward Torbett, born July 3, 1869.

REV. D. D. LEBERMAN, pastor of St. Paul's Reformed Church of Meadville, was born in Lebanon County, Penn., May 16, 1841, and is a son of Jacob L. and Henrietta (Fake) Leberman, the former a native of Germany, the latter of Pennsylvania and of German descent. His father has been for many years a merchant of Meadville. Our subject, the eldest of a family of eight children, received his education at the Swatara Institute and the Theological Seminary, Tiffin, Ohio, of the Reformed Church, at which he graduated in 1864. He was then licensed to preach, and his first appointment was at Titusville, Penn., for one year. He was then engaged in church work, not being able to preach on account of his health. Since 1860 he has made Meadville his home. Since 1867 he has been in charge of a church here, and has also had charge of Zion Hill, in Union Township, since 1872, and both churches have flourishing Sunday-schools. He was married in 1864, to Miss Julia E. Persons, a native of Ohio and of English descent. They have two children: Edward Oscar and Henry Harbaugh, the former a member of the Freshman class in Allegheny College, the latter a student of Meadville High

School. Mr. Leberman takes a deep interest in education, having been thirteen years on the School Board, during the whole of which time he has been Secretary. In his political views Mr. Leberman is Democratic.

JOHN C. LIMBER, grocer, Meadville, was born May 2, 1852, in Meadville, Penn., and is a son of T. J. and Angeline (Kincaid) Limber, natives of Pennsylvania, of English descent. His father, who was a tailor by trade, was born in this county in 1807, and was a son of John Limber, a farmer and early pioneer of this county. Our subject's parents had a family of six children, of whom three are now living. John C. Limber, who was the third child in the family, acquired his education in the high school and Commercial College of Meadville. He then embarked alone in the grocery business, but in 1872 took in as partner George S. Shattuck, which partnership existed for eighteen months, when Mr. Limber continued alone for two years. In 1876 he formed the partnership with Daniel Veith which has existed ever since, under the style of Veith & Limber. They conduct two stores in different parts of the city. Mr. Limber was married in 1879, to Della J., daughter of the late Alexander Davis, who was a farmer. They have one child—Evelyn Belle.

PROF. ABIEL ABBOT LIVERMORE, Meadville, was born in Wilton, N. H., October 30, 1811, second son of Jonathan and Abigail (Abbot) Livermore. His grandfather, Jonathan Livermore, was the first minister of the town, and his great-grandfather of the same name reached the age of one hundred years and seven months. Our subject passed his boyhood on the farm, attended the district school, and encountered the usual experiences of a country lad. At the age of fifteen he left home to attend school in Chelmsford, Mass., and afterward was prepared for college at Philipps Academy, Exeter, N. H.; entered Harvard College in 1830, and graduated in 1833. In June, 1883, he celebrated with fourteen of his classmates the fiftieth anniversary of their graduation. The next three years after graduation were passed in the Cambridge Divinity School in preparation for the Christian ministry. After the usual candidating, he was ordained November 2, 1836, over the Congregational Unitarian Church in Keene, N. H. He was married May 17, 1838, to Elizabeth Dorcas Abbot, daughter of Rev. Jacob Abbot, of Windham, N. H., who died in South Boston, Mass., September 13, 1879. Though not blessed with children, several young persons were brought up in their family and were cherished with parental love. Prof. Livermore was invited in 1850, after a happy ministry in Keene, to settle over the Unitarian Church of Cincinnati, Ohio, and he removed to that city in May. In 1856 he was invited to New York to the editorship of the *Christian Inquirer*, and at the same time became pastor of the Unitarian Church in Yonkers, N. Y. These offices he filled till 1863, when he was invited to the Presidency of the theological school in Meadville, Penn., which he still holds. The works which Mr. Livermore has published are a "commentary" on the whole New Testament in six volumes, "The Mexican War Reviewed," a prize essay of the Peace Society, a volume of "Discourses," "A Marriage Offering," and occasional sermons, addresses and reviews. The latest publication was in 1884, called "Anti-tobacco." In looking over the changes and chances of so many years he finds one great lesson written over all his life, of gratitude to God and sympathy with mankind. On June 18, 1883, he was married to Mary A. Moore, of Meadville.

REV. THOMAS D. LOGAN, pastor of Second Presbyterian Church, Meadville, was born in Allegheny City, Penn., January 29, 1851, and is a son of John T. and Henrietta (Bryan) Logan, the former a native of Maryland and of Scotch-Irish descent, the latter of Pennsylvania, and of Irish and German descent. Thomas D., who is the sixth of a family of seven children, received

his early education in Pittsburgh, where his father carried on mercantile business. He graduated at Lafayette College in 1869, and in 1874 graduated at the theological seminary at Allegheny, Penn., received his license to preach in the Presbyterian Church in 1873, and was regularly ordained in 1875. Previous to his entrance upon the ministerial sphere he taught school one year. Since 1874 he has been pastor of the Second Presbyterian Church of Meadville. He was married in 1877 to Caroline B., daughter of John Mahoney, and their children are Howard, Elizabeth and Marjorie.

HENRY H. LOVERIDGE, retired civil engineer, Meadville, was born in Genesee County, N. Y., December 1, 1817, and is a son of Ethan and Caroline (Gunn) Loveridge, the former a native of Massachusetts, the latter of Connecticut, and both of English descent. His father, who was a farmer, reared a family of five children, of whom Henry H. was the eldest. He remained on the farm until seventeen years of age, when he studied civil engineering, and then went on public works, where he continued working for many years, being employed on the Erie Canal for over thirty years, of which for several years he was Superintendent of the French Creek feeder. He was married in 1843 to Nancy Jane, daughter of John B. Plummer, a merchant in Mercer County, Penn., and to this union were born two children, William P. and Florence. Mr. and Mrs. Loveridge are members of the Park Avenue Congregational Church. He has been a member of the Council of Meadville; in politics is a Republican.

WILLIAM McARTHUR, real estate dealer, Meadville, was born in this city, October 19, 1815, and is a son of William and Rebecca (McClean) McArthur. His father was born in Ireland, and came to America about the close of the Revolutionary war, taught school in York County, and studied surveying with the McCleans, and when Pennsylvania lands came into market he came in 1794 to Meadville, and laid out the town for Gen. Meade. He was appointed District Surveyor, and in 1800 was elected State Senator for the district composed of Crawford, Erie, Venango, Warren and Mercer Counties, his opponent being Gen. David Meade. He served two terms in the Legislature (the capital was then Lancaster), and he rode back and forth spring and fall on horseback over the mountains during said terms. While he was State Senator he was appointed by the Governor, Simon Snyder, Prothonotary of this county, and also Register and Recorder, which positions he filled until his decease in 1822. Our subject's mother, Rebecca McClean, was of Scotch-Irish descent, and a daughter of Col. Moses McClean, who served in the Revolutionary war, and who, with his brothers, helped survey the famous Mason and Dixon's line—in fact, had run the line from Cape Henlopen, or Cornelius, to the Chesapeake Bay, the north line, and the twelve-mile circle round the New Castle Court House before Mason and Dixon came to this country. These lines were run between 1760 and 1763. Mason and Dixon came in 1764, accepted the work already done, and with the former Surveyors ran the celebrated Mason and Dixon's line westward. Our subject, who is the fifth of a family of six, received his education in the academy at Meadville. He then learned carpentering, and also worked at millwrighting. In 1840 he was appointed Justice of the Peace by Gov. David R. Porter, and in 1842 was elected Prothonotary and Clerk of the several courts for Crawford County, which offices he served until 1845. Mr. McArthur was married in 1848 to Helen Hines, a niece of Col. James Corhan, of this county. She died in 1855, and in 1872 he married Mrs. Hersh, widow of Rev. Chares Hersh, of Baltimore, Md., whose maiden name was Mary McClean. He has four children by his first wife. Mr. and Mrs. McArthur are members of the Park Avenue Congregational Church, under the charge of Rev. James G. Carnachan, D. D.

EMMETT W. McARTHUR, attorney at law, Meadville, was born in Shenango Township, this county, June 10, 1853, and is a son of Jeremiah and Hannah (Elliott) McArthur, who were also natives of this county. His father and grandfather, who came to this county in 1795, were both farmers. Our subject is the second of a family of three, and received his education in the common schools and Jamestown Seminary, and also Edinboro Normal School. He studied law in Meadville in the office of J. B. Brawley, Esq., was admitted to the bar in 1884, and entered at once upon the practice of his profession. Since 1883 he has been connected with the Farmers Mutual Fire Insurance Company of Crawford County, and is Secretary and Treasurer of the same. In politics he is a Democrat.

JOHN D. McCOY, attorney at law, Meadville, was born in Mercer County, Penn., May 22, 1847, and is a son of Col. D. C. and Nancy Jane (Nelson) McCoy, who were natives of Pennsylvania and of Scotch-Irish descent. His father is a prominent lawyer and, with exceptions of the time spent in the army, has lived in this county since 1854. John D., the eldest of a family of six, received his education in the academy and at Allegheny College. He studied law with his father, was admitted to the Crawford County bar in 1873, to the United States Courts in 1881, and to the Supreme Courts in 1882. The firm is D. C. McCoy & Son Our subject is a prominent member of the I. O. O. F.; is politically a Republican, but has never held any office.

JAMES E. McFARLAND, banker, Meadville, is a grandson of James McFarland, who emigrated from Ireland about 1800 and located in Chambersburg, Penn., engaging in mercantile trade at that place until his death. One son, John McFarland, the father of our subject, was born in Ireland in 1797. He remained with his father until nineteen years of age, when he began the publication of the *Sentinel* at Chambersburg, Penn., and, removing to Carlisle, same State, he published there the *Volunteer*, afterward the *Commonwealth*, at Harrisburg. His last enterprise was the establishment of the *Allegheny Democrat*, at Pittsburgh, Penn., about 1824. He was married March 1, 1816, at Hagerstown, Md., to Catherine Eberly, a native of Chambersburg, Penn. He died August 12, 1827. The death of his widow occurred October 19, 1876, at her son's residence in Meadville, Penn., and her remains were interred in his family lot in Meadville cemetery. James E. McFarland, our subject, is the only surviving child of the above couple. He was born at Chambersburg, Penn., January 4, 1817. When fourteen years of age he was apprenticed to his father's trade, serving his full time at Pittsburgh, Penn. In 1835 he came to this county and established the *Crawford Democrat*, which paper strongly advocated the election of George Wolf for Governor. Afterward he became the purchaser of the Meadville *Courier* and continued to publish the united papers over a period of twenty five years. In 1840 he was appointed Deputy United States Marshal for Crawford County; in 1845 he was elected Prothonotary, to which office he declined re-election. In 1848 Mr. McFarland was the Democratic nominee for Congress; served as Postmaster at Meadville during the full terms of Pierce and Buchanan respectively. In 1862 he engaged in the general banking business; in 1865 he was one of the incorporators of the Merchants National Bank at Meadville, and accepted the Presidency of the same. Shortly afterward a reorganization of the bank officials took place and he was elected Cashier, which post of trust he has filled acceptably to all concerned for a period of eighteen years. He has served as Councilman and School Director. In 1838 Mr McFarland was married to Mary Scott, of Pittsburgh, Penn., and to this union were born eight children: Sarah S., intermarried with Dr. T. J. Young of Titusville, Penn. (have two children, David and Kath-

erine); John, who entered the Naval Academy in 1851 (John served with distinction throughout the Rebellion, was rapidly promoted from Midshipman on the Iroquois to Lieutenant-Commander; was in several engagements and was among the first to enter New Orleans under Farragut. He sailed through the West Indies and visited China, Japan and California. He died at his father's residence, in 1874, from disease contracted through exposure during his service in the navy); Thomas S., residing at Buffalo, N. Y., is a member and Secretary of the Union Oil Company of Buffalo, married to Miss Fanny Otterstater, of Meadville (have three children, Frank, Adelaide and John); Katherine (deceased); James E., Jr., Assistant Cashier Merchants National Bank, also member of the firm of McFarland & Co., of Meadville Bottling Works; Elizabeth S., married to William S. McGunnegle, of Meadville (have two children, George K. and James); Mary, married to G. W. Delamater (have two children, Susan and James Scott); Anna (deceased). Time has dealt kindly with Mr. McFarland, and although past three score and a half years of age, and considering the labor he has undergone and his active business life, his health and vigor and mental capabilities remain unimpaired.

GEORGE KENNEDY McGUNNEGLE (deceased) was born in Meadville, Penn., June 10, 1800. In early life our subject acted as book-keeper for William Hill & Bro., Pittsburgh, Penn., and in 1821 he went to St. Louis, Mo., where he was engaged as clerk for his uncle, Capt. James McGunnegle, of the United States Army, then Quartermaster of that military district. In 1829 a branch bank of the United States was established at St. Louis, and Mr. McGunnegle accepted the position of Chief Clerk. The parent bank at this time was in the zenith of its financial glory, but soon after succumbed to the war waged upon it by President Jackson. In 1833 our subject went into business as a member of the firm of Hill & McGunnegle, wholesale grocers and commission merchants (changed the following year to McGunnegle & Way), and continued until 1842. In a career covering over half a century, Mr. McGunnegle was more or less identified with the great material interests of the city and State, filling many positions of honor and trust, among which we might mention the Presidency of the Board of Underwriters; Presidency St. Louis Insurance Company; Presidency old Chamber of Commerce; Secretary Ohio & Mississippi Railroad Company; Presidency Ohio & Mississippi Telegraph Company, now leased to the Western Union. Mr. McGunnegle was elected to the House of Representatives in 1837, and to him probably as much, if not more than to any other man, is due the present complete system of railroads in the State. He drafted the memorial to that body, and had passed the bill to charter a railroad, this being the first step taken in that direction. At this time he had chartered also the St. Louis Insurance Company, was elected its President and continued in office until within a few years of his death (which occurred at St. Louis, Mo., December 12, 1878), when growing infirmities compelled him to relinquish active work. Mr. McGunnegle was married in 1828 to Elizabeth Easton Starr, a native of Rome, N. Y., born November 16, 1809, niece of Col. Rufus Easton, and sister of the first wife of Senator Henry S. Geyer. To this union were born eight sons and two daughters. The eldest son, Wilson, entered the naval service in 1845, and, after reaching the grade of Lieutenant-Commander, died in 1863 during the war; another son, William S., entered the navy (see his biography below); one daughter married Gen. Ino W. Davidson, of the United States Army; the other married Benjamin E. Walker, of St. Louis; others surviving continue to live in St. Louis. Mrs. McGunnegle died at St. Louis, Mo., October 27, 1864.

WILLIAM S. McGUNNEGLE, banker, Meadville, was born at St. Louis,

Mo., November 7, 1846, son of George Kennedy and Elizabeth Easton (Starr) McGunnegle (see biography above). Our subject attended the public schools at St. Louis, Mo., and the United States Naval Academy at Annapolis, Md., from which he graduated in 1867. His first cruise after receiving an appointment in the navy was with the Mediterranean squadron under Admiral Farragut, and he served at different times in the Atlantic, Pacific, West Indian and Asiatic squadrons. Passing through the grades of Ensign and Master, he was promoted to a Lieutenancy in 1871; he resigned his commission in 1876, and then entered banking business at Meadville, Penn. Our subject was married at Meadville, October 29, 1874, to Lizzie Scott McFarland, born at Meadville, Penn., May 8, 1850, daughter of James E. and Mary (Scott) McFarland, former born at Chambersburg, Penn., in 1817, latter born in Pittsburgh, Penn., in 1818. Two children have been born to this union—George Kennedy and James. Mr. and Mrs. McGunnegle are members of the Episcopal Church; in politics he is a Republican.

CHARLES COURTNEY McLEAN, Veterinary Surgeon, Meadville, was born February 2, 1860, in Meadville, son of John T. and Jane (Courtney) McLean, former a native of New York, latter a daughter of Bailey Courtney, Esq., late of Meadville. They reside at 1009 Water Street, Meadville. John T. McLean is the possessor of two farms adjacent to Meadville, and at this writing (1884), devotes his attention to agriculture. Dr. C. C. McLean is the eldest of three children born to the above couple; his sister, Alice Russell, is the second child; his brother, Frederick Hector, being the youngest. Our subject attended the common schools of the city; is a graduate of Meadville High School; also took a business course in the Meadville Commercial College, and, supplementary to his literary and business education, he spent some time in other preparations for the practice of his profession, before he attended the celebrated Ontario Veterinary College, located at Toronto, Ont., at which institution he matriculated in October, 1881, and from which he graduated March, 1883. Upon his return home from college he entered on the practice of his profession, locating his office at 1010 Water Street, Meadville. Dr. McLean is enthusiastic in his profession, is thoroughly equipped for its practice, and enjoys a liberal patronage.

WILLIAM McMILLEN, loan office and wood yard, Meadville, was born in Hayfield Township, this county, August 8, 1840, and is a son of John and Jane (Bradley) McMillen. His grandfather came to Pennsylvania in 1797, settled in Hayfield Township about 1800, taking up land from the Holland Land Company, and devoting himself to farming, as did also his son John. William McMillen followed farming until he was thirty-two years of age, when he came to Meadville, where for a time he was Market Master, and in 1879 commenced his present business. He was married in 1867 to Mary, daughter of John Mahoney, a native of this county, and of Irish descent. They have six children: Mary, Maggie, Adda, Ella, Annie and William, Jr. In politics Mr. McMillen is a Democrat.

LEON C. MAGAW, cheese manufacturer, Meadville, was born July 16, 1827, son of Col. William and Adeline (Chappotin) Magaw. The latter was a native of Rhode Island, of French descent; Col. William Magaw was born in Pennsylvania, and is of Scotch descent; came to Meadville in 1809; clerked for some time under Samuel B. Magaw (one of the early merchants); afterward became a prominent merchant himself, and also entered largely into the manufacture of straw paper, of which he was the inventor. Our subject, the elder son, was educated in Meadville, and at a private school, at Buffalo, N. Y. When twenty-two years of age he embarked in the grocery trade, and

continued in the same for thirty years, fifteen years of which as a wholesale dealer. In the year 1880 he started a cheese factory, and at present has retired from the grocery trade, and owns and operates fourteen cheese factories. He is the most extensive cheese manufacturer in Pennsylvania; he sells his products throughout the United States and Mexico. Mr. Magaw has been twice married, on first occasion, in 1851, to Sophie M. Selden, of Pittsburgh (of French descent), who bore him the following children: Elizabeth S., wife of A. M. Fuller, merchant here; G. Selden, a merchant in Chicago; Adelaide Louise, wife of John I. Shryock, merchant here. His wife dying in 1864, our subject remarried, in 1866, Mrs. Susan E. Thorp, of Brooklyn, N. Y., formerly Miss Gray, of Newburyport, Mass. By this union are two daughters, Leona and Ethel, and two sons, I. Thorp, and Louis Deb. The entire family are members of the Episcopal Church.

J. S. MATSON, train dispatcher, Meadville, was born in Chautauqua County, N. Y., November 6, 1853, and is a son of Charles and Helen (Canfield) Matson, natives of New York and of English descent. His father in early life was a farmer, latterly a railroad man, and is now a conductor on the New York, Pennsylvania & Ohio Railroad. Our subject, who is the eldest of a family of four children, was educated in the graded schools of Jamestown, N. Y. At the age of eleven he went into a telegraph office, applying himself with such diligence to the study of telegraphy that in six months he commenced as night operator in Cambridge, this county; he was then sent as operator to Corry, Penn., where he remained two years. In 1870 he was appointed assistant to train dispatcher at Meadville, and in 1872 was promoted to train dispatcher, which business he has followed until present writing, except for one year, when he was passenger conductor on the New York, Pennsylvania & Ohio Railroad. He was married in 1875, to Rachel Brish, of Tiffin, Ohio, and they have one child—William Paul. Mr. Matson is in politics a Republican; he is a member of the Royal Arcanum. Since eleven years of age he has made his own way in the world.

ENOS MICHEL, of the firm of Farnicorn & Michel, meat market, Meadville, was born in Germany, June 11, 1846, and is the son of Jacob and Barbara (Futler) Michel, natives of Germany. He received his education and learned in his native land the trade of a butcher, at which he continued to work when he came to America in 1866, settling in this city. He worked six years for others, then went in business for himself until, in 1870, the present partnership was formed. Our subject was married in 1872, to Kate Dudenhoeffer, a native of Germany, and they have six children: Lena, Louis, Charles, Edward, Anna Theresa and Lucy. Mr. and Mrs. Michel are members of the Catholic Church. In politics he is a Democrat.

HON. CHARLES W. MILLER, merchant, Meadville, was born in Ashtabula County, Ohio, in 1837, and is a son of Ezra B. and Sophronia M. (Baldwin) Miller, natives of Connecticut, and of English descent; the former a carpenter and joiner by trade. They had three children, of whom Charles W. is the second. Our subject received his education chiefly at the academy at Orwell, Ohio. Early in life he was a clerk in a dry goods store. In 1869 he opened a general store in Espyville, Penn., which he continued until 1870, when he came to Meadville as Assistant Assessor of Internal Revenue, which position he held four years, when he embarked in the drug business, in which he has since continued. He was married, in Espyville in 1862, to Mary E., daughter of James Espy, from whom Espyville took its name. They have three children now living: Agnes, Nettie and Marion. Mr. Miller is a Republican, and in 1884 received the nomination of that party for Congress. He has been a member of the Meadville Town Council for three years, and for two years Mayor of Meadville.

W. S. MURRAY, engine dispatcher, Meadville, was born in New York State, October 20, 1833, and is a son of H. N. and Sarah C. (Sackett) Murray, natives of New York, the father of Scotch and the mother of English descent. The father, who was by trade a tailor, raised a family of five children, of whom W. S. is the third. As his father died before he had finished the course of the common schools, our subject was early set to learn carpentering, which he followed for seven years, since which he has been employed by railway companies. Commenced railroading in 1858, and in 1863 he came to Meadville, which has ever since been his home. From 1863 to 1873 he ran an engine, and he was then appointed dispatching engineer, for which his long experience eminently qualifies him. He was married in Great Bend, Penn., to Ruth A. Carpenter, and they have two children—William F. and Fred H. Mr. Murray has served three years on the School Board; politically he is a Republican.

CAPT. ISAAC E. MYERS, Assistant Postmaster, Meadville, was born in Meadville, January 18, 1835, and is a son of Isaac and Lydia (Fox) Myers, of German descent, and who came to Meadville in 1825. His father, who was a watch-maker and jeweler, had a family of ten children, of whom Isaac E. is the sixth. He first learned the jewelry business under his father, and was in that industry in Meadville City from 1850 to 1862, when, being drafted, he was elected Captain of Company K, One Hundred and Sixty-ninth P. D. M., in which regiment he served until 1863. Then he volunteered in 1864, and raised Company F, of the One Hundred and Ninety-ninth Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry; was elected Captain of his company and served until the close of the war, being present at Lee's surrender. He then received an appointment as Mail Agent, and served six years; next he studied medicine, and for one year he clerked in a drug store. Then he was appointed Clerk in the Meadville Postoffice, and afterward to his present position of Assistant Postmaster, which he has held for several terms. He was married in 1858 to Maria, daughter of James Swager, of Mercer County, Penn., and their children are Sarah M., L. C. (a tinner), I. E., F. G. and C. H. Our subject and wife are members of the First Methodist Episcopal Church. Capt. Myers has taken an active part in matters pertaining to the militia, and since he returned from the war has acted as Captain in the same, his company leading the militia of Pennsylvania in Washington at the inauguration of the lamented President Garfield.

EDWARD NORTHAM, of Meadville, was born in this county August 18, 1826, and is a son of George and Hannah (Jenkins) Northam, natives of New York and of English descent. His father was Ensign in the One Hundred and Fifty-fourth Regiment of New York Infantry, and with his wife came to this county in 1820, settling in Troy Township. Our subject, the fifth in a family of seven, was educated in this county, and since 1840 has been a resident of Meadville. He learned wool-carding with Alanson Lindley, who started that business here in 1835, and was till his decease a wealthy and influential citizen. Mr. Northam resided and worked with him for seven years, commencing in 1840, and in 1853 took charge of the business and has since been proprietor. He is also a carpenter, which trade he learned and has worked at. He was married in 1845 to Nancy Hamilton, and they have four children now living. The eldest son was aboard the "Gen. Lyon" when that vessel was burned off Cape Hatteras; he was a soldier, and had suffered three months imprisonment in Salisbury, N. C., rebel prison. The other children are: Ellen C. (deceased), Ida (deceased); Henry M., who is with his father; Anna R., Minnie E. and John A. Mr. and Mrs. Northam are members of the First Presbyterian Church. In politics he is a Republican.

EDGAR C. PARSONS, M. D., Meadville, was born November 19, 1847, at Alexandria, Ohio, son of Hiram G. and Dorotha (Page) Parsons, former a native of New York, latter of Vermont. Hiram G. Parsons was brought when quite young from New York to Alexandria, Ohio, by his mother, who was then a widow, and was reared in Alexandria, near which place he made agriculture his main occupation. He was twice married, on first occasion, in Alexandria, Ohio, to Dorotha Page, who bore him three children: Edgar C., Electa and Jerusha, the latter of whom was married to William H. Banner, a resident of Champaign County, Ill.; Electa was married to E. P. Robb, residing in Kansas. To the second marriage of Hiram G. Parsons were born five children —three boys and two girls. Our subject received his literary education at the public school and an academy at Johnstown, Ohio, and commenced the study of medicine under Dr. A. B. Wilder, of Knoxville, Iowa, about January, 1871. After leaving school in 1867, he taught school two terms in Ohio, beginning in the winter of the latter year, and in 1868 moved from Ohio to Knoxville, Iowa, taught school for several terms in Marion and Mahaska Counties, that State, and in 1870 accepted the charge of the intermediate department, and later of the grammar school at Knoxville, Iowa, which position he filled till June, 1873. In the fall of 1873 our subject attended medical lectures at the Hahnemann Medical College, Chicago, Ill., and after taking one course he began the practice of his profession at Rantoul, Ill., where he remained till the fall of 1876, and then went to the Hahnemann College at Philadelphia, from which he graduated March 8, 1877. In the spring of that year the Doctor established himself in Meadville, and has here continued since in successful and active practice. In the spring of 1883 the Doctor was appointed Health Officer of Meadville, and is now serving a second term in that capacity. Our subject was instrumental in effecting the organization of the Crawford County Homœopathic Medical Society, of which he has since been Secretary. He is also a member of the Homœopathic Medical Society of Pennsylvania. Dr. Parsons was married at Irwin Station, Westmoreland County, Penn., October 14, 1874, to Amanda, daughter of James G. Boyd, Esq., merchant of that place. To this union have been born two children—Page W. and Evangeline.

ROBERT PATTON (deceased) was born in County Down, Ireland, October 31, 1831. His parents immigrated to this country while he was yet a small boy. He was a harness-maker, having learned the trade at Pittsburgh. On May 20, 1849, he married Miss Jane McMahon, who survives him. In 1850 he moved to Cochranton, now one of the most enterprising villages in Crawford County, and opened a harness-shop, which was in operation until 1856, at which time he commenced mercantile business, and continued the same until his death, June 8, 1882. Mr. Patton was a successful merchant. From a small beginning, by his untiring application and superior skill, his business rapidly increased, and very few merchants in the county enjoyed as liberal a patronage. About eight years before his death he took as a partner his oldest son, James C., the style of the firm being R. Patton & Son. In 1877 the Cochranton Savings Bank was organized. Mr. Patton was one of the original movers in the enterprise, and was its first President, which office he filled until his death, and under his administration, ably assisted by the other officers, the bank did a flourishing business and proved itself an indispensable addition to the business interests of Cochranton. Mr. Patton was also the first President of the French Creek Valley Agricultural Association, which has become not only a matter of importance to Cochranton, but to the counties of Mercer, Venango and Crawford. As a business man Mr. Patton was universally respected by those with whom he had dealings. He was prompt in meet-

ing all his obligations, and at the same time was a lenient creditor. He took a deep interest in the welfare of the village, and was among the first to support any enterprise that promised to be beneficial. The public school was a matter of great importance, and its importance did not arise from the fact that he had children to educate, but was based on broader grounds—the general good. No one appreciated more fully the advantages of an education. Mr. Patton, though not a technical scholar, was practically a learned man. His course of reading was extended and thorough. He could give the date and the attending circumstances of the important events in English, French and American history. Whatever he read he remembered, and his recollection was clear and distinct. In political matters he was one of the best informed men in the county. He mastered the details and understood the effects and tendencies of party action. Though a man of strong convictions, he was tolerant with those who differed from him. He was free from malice and wished every one well. Mr. Patton did much toward advancing the material interests of Cochranton, and his influence will long be felt. He was a warm friend, a congenial companion, a kind neighbor, a generous man, a devoted father and an affectionate husband. Those who knew him best loved and respected him the most.

HARRY PEIRSON, butcher, Meadville, was born in London, England, October 8, 1837, and is a son of William Peirson, a tailor by trade, who had a family of nine children, Hugh being the youngest. Our subject received his schooling in London, and learned the trade of a butcher, which he has followed through life. In 1855 he came from London to Canada, but not liking that country, he stayed there but six months, then came to Cleveland, Ohio, remaining five years; thence he came to Meadville, where he keeps the largest meat market in the city. He was married in 1871, to Eliza J. Fields, and their children are Harry Austin and Bessie M. Mr. and Mrs. Peirson are members of the Episcopal Church. In politics he is a Democrat. He has been a member of the City Council; is a member of the I. O. O. F., and K. of P. societies, and is President of the Meadville Sportsman's Club.

WILLIAM PENTZ, Justice of the Peace, Meadville, was born April 2, 1820, in York, Penn., and is a son of Daniel and Rachel (Shaffer) Pentz, both natives of York, Penn., and of German descent; came to Meadville in 1845. His father was a tobacconist and came to this county in 1856, remaining three years. He raised a family of eleven sons and one daughter. Eight of the sons are now living; one was killed on the railroad in 1871 in Meadville. William received his schooling in his native county and learned first the trade of his father, but afterward that of a plasterer, and also carried on butchering for eight years. In 1870 he was appointed Court Crier; in 1872 he was elected Justice of the Peace, serving till 1877. In 1878 and 1879 he was Superintendent of the Odd Fellows' Home in Mead Township. In 1882 he was again elected Justice of the Peace and still holds the office. He was a member of the Council of Meadville Borough 1850, 1851 and 1852. He was married in 1841 in Allegheny City, to Mary A. Campbell, a native of Kentucky and of Irish parentage. They have six children living: Mary E., wife of John M. Jones, of Arizona; Rosa, wife of A. B. Blystone; Margaret J., wife of Frederick Cole, of Greenbush, Mass.; W. H., a carpenter in Meadville, married to Thyphena Peese; Sarah, wife of L. K. Johnston, and Emma B., at home. The family all belong to the Methodist Episcopal Church, in which Mr. Pentz has been for many years a local preacher, and in 1866 and 1867 was on the Circuit. He has been a Deacon in the church for many years.

HON. S. NEWTON PETTIS, Meadville, son of Solomon and Ruth (House)

Pettis, was born in Lenox, Ashtabula Co., Ohio, October 10, 1827. He received a good education and taught school near his home from 1842 to 1845. He began his law studies with Hon. Joshua R. Giddings, at Jefferson, Ohio, in 1846, and in 1848 came to Meadville and pursued them with Hon. H. L. Richmond until his admission to the bar in 1849. He then commenced practice at Meadville, which he has continued ever since, except when interrupted by service on the bench and absence on a foreign mission. He soon formed a law partnership with Hon. James Thompson (since Chief Justice of Pennsylvania), which existed until his election to the Supreme bench in 1857. His practice was large and successful; his preparation of cases thorough. He made his client's cause his own. Some of his cases involved large interests. While counsel for the Crawford County Commissioners, he brought to a successful termination the noted suit on the bonds of the Erie & Pittsburgh Railroad Company, thereby saving to the county a large sum. In 1870 he was appointed General Council for the Atlantic & Great Western Railroad Company. Though several times while in public service compelled to suspend professional practice, upon his return to the bar he has taken a new hold and keeps abreast of the decisions, maintaining his professional rank. A native of the Western Reserve, the pupil of Giddings, and attaining his majority the same year that the party was efficiently organized on the Buffalo platform, his instincts were sympathetic with Free Soil. Much was to be overcome in Crawford, where its Democracy, caressed at Washington and entrenched at Harrisburg under its skillful leader (a State official of wide political renown), had so long maintained an unbroken front. Starting as a campaign speaker in 1848, he has through nine Presidential and twelve Gubernatorial campaigns been conspicuous in his own and frequently in neighboring counties and in Ohio. In 1876 he filled daily appointments of the Ohio State Republican Committee from September 10, to October 12. No one was more efficient in transforming a Democratic majority of 700 in Crawford County into a Republican of 2,000. He has frequently represented Crawford in State conventions. In 1860 he was influential and untiring in nominating Curtin for Governor. His unremitting efforts in the nomination that year of Lincoln, in the Chicago Convention, and in giving him the vote of the Pennsylvania delegation, are well known. It involved patient labor, tact and skill, and was probably the best work of his life, for in none were results more clearly traceable to initiatory efforts. Few events in American history have been more far-reaching in their ultimate tendency than the nomination and election of Abraham Lincoln.

As Mr. Pettis entered active life, political parties were taking a new departure. The adjustment of the questions growing out of the acquisition of Mexican territory, followed by those of the restriction of slavery extension, the fugitive slave bill, the admission of California, and other "compromise measures" of 1850, the Kansas-Nebraska Bill and repeal of the Missouri Compromise, the admission of Kansas with secession, rebellion and war, with its results, the reconstruction measure; currency, impeachment and resumption were all questions which aside from tariff and other domestic matters, were being considered. In the discussion of these he came before the people absorbed in his subject; armed with facts and figures, with intense earnestness and forgetfulness of self, he carried conviction to his audiences. Appointed by President Lincoln in March, 1861, to the United States Supreme bench of Colorado, he aided in the organization of that Territory. At the call to arms, he was active in raising volunteers and filling quotas and furnishing supplies to the army. In this work it was his privilege to obtain from President Lincoln permission to initiate and perfect a plan, by which 1,800 Confederate

prisoners at Rock Island were enlisted in the Union Army, and on payment to each of $100, credited to the quotas required from this congressional district, which sum was paid from a fund of about $200,000 placed by the people at the disposal of Judge Pettis. This put an end in this district to the brokerage in substitutes, under which glaring abuses had arisen. Being the intimate friend and participant in the nomination of both Lincoln and Curtin, he maintained his relations with each, even up to the week preceding the assassination, when he sought to impress upon the President the necessity of greater care for his personal safety. Knowing him so well, it was his part, as a friend, at a meeting of the Crawford County bar, after the death of the President, to pay a tribute to his memory, which for its delineation of the martyr's character, and appreciation of the Nation's loss, will be long remembered. In 1868, after persistent requests, he became a candidate for Congress in the Twentieth District, and carried Crawford County without opposition. After seven weeks of balloting another was nominated. During the same year, Hon. D. A. Finney's death caused a vacancy in the Fortieth Congress. To this Judge Pettis was elected. Having taken his seat, he was assigned to the Committee on Elections and made a report on the contested election of the then Mexican delegate, Col. Chavis, which involved much research and was ratified by the House, in awarding him the seat. This investigation and report secured for Judge Pettis the recognition its patient examination and clearness of analysis merited. In 1872 he declined a numerously signed call for Congressional candidacy. In 1874 he again received the county's nomination for Congress, but after weeks of balloting, he advised the subsequent nomination of Mr. White, of Mercer. At the death of Judge Lowrie, in November, 1876, on the petition of many members of the bar and several thousand Crawford people, of the Senator and three or four Representatives, and fifty-nine or sixty members of the Republican County Committee, he was appointed President Judge of the Crawford Judicial District, remaining on the bench until January, 1878. When a re-appointment from the Governor was anticipated to be necessary, it was asked by every member of the Crawford bar. In 1877, at the written request of all the Republican Congressmen and United States Senators of Pennsylvania, and of many public men from other States, he was agreed upon by President Hayes and his cabinet for the Peruvian Mission, but subsequently appointed Minister to Bolivia. Arriving at the Bolivian capital, he found Peru, Bolivia and Chili involved in a wasting and bloody war, in which much destruction of life and property had been incurred, with devastation of country and paralysis of commerce. Peace seemed hopeless except as following the subjugation of a belligerent. Well versed in the details and merits of the controversy, after conference with the Peruvian Minister and Bolivian Secretary of State, he proceeded first to Lima, where his proposals of a mode of settlement were gladly received; then to Chili, where his plan of arbitration or of a compromise line of boundary was met with gratifying consideration. Believing that this well-intended proposition, so auspiciously begun, with the approval of the United States Government, would culminate in success, Judge Pettis' hopes were crushed by the officious interference of an outsider, so that the initiatory steps under which the war would have been ended and bloodshed saved were rendered a nullity. As was well remarked by one of our prominent journals, "His effort had been nothing more than an unofficial suggestion to the belligerents of a basis of negotiation, upon which they could without humiliation, dishonor or loss, agree to meet for settlement of questions of dispute between them. It was so stated, and appeared perfectly understood by all parties who knew or had interest in what was proposed.

There was nothing to create a prejudice against the United States Government, nothing inconsistent with its attitude of neutrality. No harm was done by the attempt. Failure did not leave matters worse than before, but better. Done so unobstrusively and kindly, each of the belligerents regarded it as a friendly suggestion, not as an effort to interfere in their affairs. Had it succeeded it would be difficult to estimate the great results secured to our people and to the belligerents. Instead of the long, bloody, ruinous war which has since followed, it would have been a peaceful solution. To the United States it would have been almost equally fortunate. The good opinion and friendly feeling, which all three of the belligerents entertained toward us, would have been confirmed. Our diplomatic relations with them, instead of being unpleasant and annoying, would have been most agreeable. Our commerce with them, instead of being destroyed, would have been promoted and enlarged, and the United States would have secured the commanding influence which her population, position, colonization and firmness as a nation, ought to give her among the Republics of America." Returning from his mission he was nominated by President Hayes to a Western Judgeship, but rejected by a Democratic Senate. He resumed law practice, which he still continues. He was strongly urged for appointment as Governor of Dakota in January last, but never allowed any application to be made for it.

The domestic life of our subject has been exceptionally happy. He was married in September, 1852, to Miss Emma L. Wightman, and to this union have been born three children, two now living—Gertrude Wylie, married to Capt. John W. Pullman, A. Q. M., U. S. Army, and Herbert Ray. Their son, Rush, died March 14, 1882, at the age of fourteen, while attending school at the Chamberlin Institute, Randolph, N. Y. He was a lad of much promise, whose early death was deeply deplored; his disposition and character were especially eulogized by his teachers and schoolmates, to whom he had become greatly endeared. Judge Pettis still resides at Meadville, where, yet in his meridian, he can contemplate the worth, thus far, of a long, busy and pre-eminently useful life. In the changes he has witnessed in business, in politics and in the progress of the country, he can feel that he has been neither indifferent nor idle. If sometimes his hopes have been misplaced, his friends untrue or his labors futile, he can yet feel that the world is better from his work and that he has not lived in vain. The bench, the bar and the forum have alike been the field of his efforts. His services have been rendered in times of peace and of war, as well at home as abroad, and in the distant West. To have done his part well in each and at all times was his aim, and to have benefitted mankind his accomplished purpose.

HON. ALEXANDER POWER, retired, Meadville, was born in 1806, in Crawford County, Penn., son of Samuel and Margret (Cather) Power, and a full cousin of Capt. William Power, a farmer who came to Crawford County in 1795. Our subject's father was in the war of 1812. He reared nine children, of whom Alexander, the eldest, and five others are still living. Our subject received a common school education, attending school in a log schoolhouse in this county, and farmed the greater part of his life. In 1858 he came to Meadville, and embarked in mercantile trade, in which he continued for about five years very successfully. He also operated with others in a mill in this county for three years. Mr. Power is a member of the Congregational Church; has been a member of the School Board for fourteen years, and Treasurer of the Board during that time. Is a Democrat in politics. In 1844 he was elected to the Legislature and served two terms; also served as Justice of the Peace ten years from 1840 to 1850. He has been twice married;

on the first occasion, September 25, 1847, to Mary D. Swaney, who died in 1851, and he then married, on January 23, 1855, Mary B. McClure, who died February 2, 1875.

COL. J. W. H. REISINGER, Postmaster, Meadville, was born at Beaver, Penn., January 19, 1833, son of Charles and Providence (Roberts) Reisinger, the former a native of Pennsylvania, of German descent, the latter of Maryland, of English lineage. Charles Reisinger was a blacksmith; came to Crawford County in 1851 and died in Meadville in 1882. Our subject, the second child, was educated at Allegheny College, graduating with the degree A. B. in 1856, subsequently receiving the degree A. M. He chose teaching as his vocation, and for three years, from 1858 to 1860, inclusive, taught in the grammar schools of Evansville, Ind. He then came to Meadville. In 1862 he joined the One Hundred and Fiftieth Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, Company H; served as Captain eighteen months, then became Major of the Twenty-fifth Regiment United States Colored Troops; soon after was promoted to Lieutenant-Colonel, serving as such till the close of the war. He then went to Forest County, Penn., where he published the *Bee* for a year, and in 1869 moved to Franklin, same State, where he bought the *Venango Citizen*, which he published one year. In 1870 he again came to Meadville and bought the Meadville *Republican*, which he published from 1870 till January 1, 1884. Our subject was married in 1870 to Louisa E., daughter of Dr. Josiah Winans, of Tionesta, Penn., and by this union were born two children: Paul and Louisa, both now living. Mrs. Reisinger died September 29, 1875, and is buried in Greendale Cemetery. Col. Reisinger was appointed Postmaster in April, 1882, which office he still holds.

ROE REISINGER, attorney at law, Meadville, was born in Fallstown, Beaver Co., Penn., October 28, 1842, and is a son of Charles and Providence (Roberts) Reisinger. The former, a native of Lancaster County, Penn., was of German descent, by occupation a blacksmith; the latter a native of Harford County, Md., of English and Welsh descent. They had a family of seven children, Roe being the fifth child and fourth son. The parents moved to Crawford County in 1850. Our subject received his education in the common schools and Allegheny College. In 1862 he enlisted in Company H, One Hundred and Fiftieth Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, was Color Bearer, was three times wounded at the battle of Gettysburg, and served until 1865. He then received a commission as Second Lieutenant in Company D, One Hundred and Fourteenth United States Colored Regiment, was promoted to First Lieutenant and served in Texas until 1867, when he returned to Meadville, studied law with A. B. Richmond, was admitted to the bar in 1870, and has continued in the practice of his profession ever since. In politics he is a Republican.

JOHN REYNOLDS (deceased), was born at Colchester, England, June 18, 1782, and came to this county in 1795. His grandfather inherited a large entailed estate in Worcestershire, England. He married Sarah Fox, of London, by whom he had nine children, the eldest of whom, John, inherited the estate. William, the third son, married Lydia, daughter of John Thomas, a Baptist minister, by whom he had seven daughters and four sons, the eldest being John, the subject of this sketch. The Reynolds family in England was composed of strict Church of England people, but William Reynolds, father of John, when a young man, united with the Baptist denomination, and the immediate cause of the immigration of William to America was his sympathy with the French Republican movement of that period, having been a sufferer by the sacking of his house and destruction of his property during the prog-

ress of what was known as the Birmingham riots, he having before that time removed to that city. The celebrated Joseph Priestly was also a sufferer by those riots, which likewise caused his immigration to America. John Reynolds was educated in Birmingham and Leominster by private tutors. In 1797 he came with his father to Venango County, Penn., and settled on a tract of land bought from the Holland Land Company, at Cherry Tree Run. In 1805 he removed to Meadville, and was engaged as assistant teacher in the academy here. In 1807 he was connected with Col. Marlin in surveying lands of the Holland Land Company and continued to be thus occupied for several years. Subsequently he began the study of law under the directions of Col. Marlin. In 1812 he was admitted to the bar, but devoted little time to the practice of his profession, applying himself almost exclusively to real estate business. In 1814 he married the widow of Dr. Kennedy, by whom he had two sons and two daughters. Mrs. Reynolds died November 27, 1845. Our subject's demise occurred July 23, 1871. John Van Liew, eldest child of John Reynolds, was born in Meadville, April 12, 1815; graduated at Jefferson College, Penn., in 1834; received from said college the degree of A. M. in 1838 and of D. D. in 1858. He studied theology at Princeton, from the fall of 1835 to that of 1838. He was licensed to preach the Gospel in April, 1838, and was ordained a minister of the Presbyterian Church in the fall of 1839, and in the same fall was installed pastor of the First Pesbyterian Church in his native town. His whole time of service in said church was thirty years. In September, 1838, he was married to Evelina B. L. Gaston, of Somerville, N. J., who died in June, 1849. Our subject was married to his second wife, Catharine E. Bell, at Allegheny City, in October, 1851. William, youngest child of John Reynolds, was born in May, 1820. He graduated from Allegheny College in 1837; married Julia Thorp, of New York City. Jane Maria, elder daughter of John Reynolds, was born in 1817, was married to A. Sergeant, M. D., a native of Somerville, N. J., in 1845. Lydia L., younger daughter of John Reynolds, was born in 1818, and was married in 1841, to the Rev. Richard Craighead, a native of Cumberland County, Penn., and for thirty-one years pastor of the Second Presbyterian Church of Meadville, Penn.

H. W. REYNOLDS, of the Athens Mills Company, Meadville, was born in Meadville, August 26, 1852, grandson of John Reynolds, and son of William Reynolds, of Meadville. He is now a partner with his father in the Athens Mills Company, one of the most important manufacturing enterprises in this city, employing about forty hands, and making a specialty of the manufacture of doors, sash and window blinds. The mill was first started in 1868, by William Reynolds and William Thorp. Since March 1, 1877, when Mr. Thorp sold out, he has been a partner with his father and general business manager. He was married in 1876 to Cora A. Mosier, a native of this county.

HON. HIRAM LAWTON RICHMOND, of Meadville, Penn. Richmond, as a personal cognomen, is an ancient English name. It is of Norman origin, and doubtless came over with William the Conqueror. The great battle of Hastings was fought on the 14th of October, 1066. Immediately after his victory, William vowed to build an abbey on the high grounds where Harold had posted his army, as commemorative of that great event. And soon the magnificent structure arose, and its high altar stood on the very spot where Harold had planted his standard during the fight, and where the carnage was thickest. Hence it took its name of "Battle Abbey." And to perpetuate the memory of his commanders and companions in arm, who survived the battle, William caused a list of their several names to be made out and preserved among the archives of the abbey, known in history as "The Great Roll of

Battle Abbey." In that list the name Richmond is found. The next year, 1067, the name first appears in English necrology, to wit: Alan Richmond, Earl of Brittany. Mr. Richmond's more immediate ancestors were of Wiltshire, England. In 1638 John Richmond, of Ashton-Keynes, Wiltshire, came over, and became one of the first purchasers of the town of Taunton, thirty-five miles south of Boston. It is believed that nearly all the Richmonds in this country, and they are not a few, are descendants of John, of Taunton. A son of his, Edward Richmond, moved into Rhode Island. From this Edward the subject of this sketch is lineally descended. His father, Dr. Lawton Richmond, was born in Providence, R. I., August 7, 1784. When seven years old, in 1791, his parents moved to the State of New York, and settled in Herkimer County, on what was called the Royal Grant, where he grew up to manhood. The family was a large one, consisting of nine brothers and three sisters, all of whom are now dead; the last one, Freeman Richmond, died December 24, 1880, at the advanced age of ninety-one years, three months and twenty-six days. Having received a good academic education, he entered the office of Drs. Todd & Hanchet, as a student of medicine, and having completed his course of study, and passed a close and critical examination before the Board of Censors, he received his first permit or license to practice medicine, from the Chancellor of the State. May 23, 1809, he was united in marriage with Miss Sarah Townsend, a beautiful and intelligent young lady of eighteen, of Scotch extraction. That spring, immediately after his marriage, he moved to western New York, stopping for a year or more in the town of Chautauqua, Chautauqua County, where the subject of this sketch was born May 10, 1810, but finally locating where Westfield now is, then known as the Cross-roads The country was new and sparsely settled, yet he soon entered upon a lucrative practice of his profession. But the tide of immigration began to set heavily, still westward. Dr. Richmond was a pioneer by inclination. Fond of the pleasures, the adventures and hazards of frontier life, he too caught the western fever, and taking his little family and small accumulations, he migrated to southern Indiana, the then Eldorado, and settled in Allensville, Switzerland County, a frontier village of half a dozen log-houses, forty-eight miles below Cincinnati, and eight miles back from the river. The State had but recently been admitted into the Union, and its southern portion filled up rapidly with Eastern people. The Doctor and his wife were members of the Methodist Church, active and ardent; indeed had joined that church in its very morning, when they were yet single. He was a local preacher and was ordained an Elder at his own house, while living in Indiana. Well versed in sacred literature, and blessed with an easy flow of language, his heart full of the work, he was a good and effective preacher. When the demands of his profession would permit, he had a series of Sabbath appointments, which he generally filled. But the arduous duties imposed upon him by the practice of medicine, in a new and rugged country, sparsely settled, wore upon his constitution, and his health so failed him that to regain it he deemed it advisable to seek a more northern clime; and in 1829, he, with his family, returned to his old and early home in the State of New York. He remained here until 1834, when he moved to Meadville, Penn , mainly that he might give his two sons the advantages of attending Allegheny College, which had then just come under the patronage of the Methodist Church.

The educational opportunities of Hiram, the elder of the two sons and the subject of this sketch, had been very few previous to the return of the family North—such only as were furnished in the log schoolhouse of the frontier, and one winter's private instruction under the direction of a worthy young man of

the name of Pratt, who was studying medicine with the Doctor. He loved mathematics, and in one winter, without an instructor, he "ciphered" his way nearly through "Old Pike's Arithmetic." He thus spent, and in reading such books as fell in his way, his winter evenings and leisure day hours, when there was no school within his reach. On their return to New York, he then being nineteen years old, he entered a private academy, and by close application to study, not wasting an hour, he soon acquired a good English education. He now commenced the study of medicine with his father, and pursued it for two years. But his aspirations were for the legal profession, upon preparation for which he would have entered in the first instance, but for a popular prejudice indulged by his parents, that a man could not be both a lawyer and a Christian; a strange notion indeed, and yet, even in this enlightened age, indulged in by many good people. On their moving to Meadville, as above stated, he entered Allegheny College, as a student, and remained two years. In the winter of 1836 he was registered by the Hon. David Derickson, as a student of law, and in February, 1838, was admitted to the bar.

In December after his admission, he was united in marriage with Miss Maria Power Shryock, daughter of Gen. Daniel Shryock, a worthy citizen and leading merchant of the place. She has proven a faithful, affectionate and devoted wife and mother. Popular in his address, he had a smile, a hand-shake and a how-do-you-do for every one worthy the recognition whom he met. His first two efforts as an advocate were of a character that gave him position as a young lawyer of much promise, and he soon entered upon a lucrative practice. As an advocate, he was soon ranked among the first in the State. As a stump and platform speaker he had but few superiors. In politics he was a Whig. Crawford County was then largely Democratic, and continued so for some ten years. In 1847 she for the first time sent Whigs to the Legislature, and in 1848 gave a large majority for Gen. Taylor for President, as against Gen. Cass. Mr. Richmond, from his entry into public life, has always taken great interest in the political issues that sprang up from time to time, demanding consideration. He is no trimmer, is a man of positive ideas, is outspoken in his convictions, and ready to defend them on all suitable occasions. Perhaps no man contributed more than he to change the political character of Crawford County. After the election of 1848 she continued Whig so long as that party had an existence, and subsequently became still more strongly Republican, and has continued so ever since. In 1872 Mr. Richmond was elected a member of the Forty-third Congress, from the Twenty-fifth District, by the largest majority the district ever gave. The district consisted of the counties of Crawford, Mercer, Venango and Clarion; is the most populous and wealthy in the State—rich in iron, coal and other minerals—and embracing within its limits the great oil-producing territory of the State. Upon taking his seat he was appointed on two important Committees—the Committee on Indian Affairs and the Committee on Public Expenditures. The Indian Committee consisted of twelve members, all of whom, except three, were experienced and able lawyers. He took great interest in Indian affairs, reported several bills on questions committed to him in Committee, each one of which passed the Committee, and both Houses of Congress, without objection or amendment. When the question of appropriations in aid of the Indian came up he made an able speech, which attracted much attention among the friends of the red-man, and was published entire in the *Cherokee Advocate*, a paper published by the Indians, in the Indian Territory. His idea as to our duty to the Indian is thus expressed in the concluding paragraph of that speech: "Bring him (the Indian) within the embrace of our civilization, ele-

vate him to the proud position of American manhood and citizenship, confer upon him all the prerogatives of a man, equal in rights and privileges to every other man, then will we have made some atonement for the great wrongs we have done him through the ages that are past."

Mr. Richmond is a life-long Methodist, as were his father and mother before him, and for many years a Leader and Steward in the church, and has done much to advance its spiritual and temporal interests. He was a delegate to and Temporary Chairman of the Methodist State Convention of Pennsylvania, which met in Philadelphia October, 1870. By appointment he prepared and presented to the convention an essay on "The Duty of the Christian Citizen to the State as a Political Organization," which was well received and very highly commended. He is a friend to and promoter of education. For many years he has been a Trustee of Allegheny College. In the celeebrated Chamberlain will case, which passed through the courts of the State of New York, the property and domicile of the testator being in that State, Mr. Richmond was the only Pennsylvania lawyer who appeared in the case, and has the merit of having raised the point upon which the case turned, and was ultimately decided in favor of the college by the Court of Appeals. His argument prepared in that case with great labor and research, is a masterpiece of logic and learning. He has one of the largest and best selected libraries in northwestern Pennsylvania, and here he may be found almost any day in the year, and almost any hour in the day.

Mr. Richmond is now seventy-four years old, yet he retains his physical and mental vigor to a remarkable degree. He is still in the active practice of his profession. A leading daily of his city thus speaks of one of his recent forensic efforts: "When court convened yesterday morning the case of false pretenses against O. U. Bunting was called, and the Hon. H. L. Richmond, Sr., opened to the jury. Mr. Richmond made a very powerful address to the court. Although one of the oldest practitioners at the bar, and with the weight of years upon him, he conducted the case alone with the keenness and vigor of youth; and in summing up his line of defense, and forging his chain of evidence, with the perfection of every link, which would add laurels to the brow of any of the lawyers who sat around in the pride and prime of life, there was not one sign of weakness in constructive power in argument, not one lack of grace and force of rhetoric and language. The plea was, indeed, one of rare ability, and that in face of the fact that he had a very bad case (in legal parlance), and the effect upon the jury was apparent from the beginning, while the whole crowded court listened in absolute silence, charmed by the splendid scene, its central figure the majestic and snowy-haired orator himself."

Mr. Richmond has an interesting family of eight children, five sons and three daughters, all living and of adult years. Hiram Lawton, his first-born, an alumnus of Allegheny College, has for many years been in the active and successful practice of the law in his native city, and also connected with the City Government—either as Member of the Council or Mayor of the city—was also for a time Chief of the Fire Department. In 1880 was a delegate to the Republican National Convention at Chicago. He married Virginia Vance, whose father, now deceased, was a leading lawyer of New Lisbon, Ohio. Maria, married to Col. Charles H. Hawkins, largely engaged in the iron business in Chicago. Daniel Shryock, an active, energetic and successful business man, was Supervisor of the Census for the eleven northwestern counties of Pennsylvania, is now extensively engaged in the lumber and ice business, and is Superintendent of and a heavy stock-holder in the Conneaut Lake Ice Com-

pany. ALMON GEORGE, an alumnus of Allegheny College, a promising young lawyer, recently elected, by a very large majority, District Attorney of his county, is an amateur artist and admirable caricaturist; married to Mary Grayson, second daughter of Thomas Grayson, Esq., editor and proprietor of the *Crawford Democrat.* ELIZABETH, married to T. Albert Delamater, engaged in railroad and lumber business and second son of Hon. George B. Delamater, a banker. JAMES EDWARD, grocer, is an active and energetic business man, and has a large business. CHARLES FREMONT, a young man of much promise, is engaged in the lumber business; and HARRIET, the youngest of the flock, a fine-looking, intelligent and interesting young lady.

NOTE.—It is claimed by a branch of the Richmond family that John, of Taunton, came over in the "May Flower," and was also known as John the Puritan.

D. S. RICHMOND, manager of Conneaut Lake Ice Company (limited), Meadville, is the second son of Hon. H. L. Richmond, of Meadville. He received his education in Allegheny College. In 1874 he embarked in the lumber business under the firm name of Richmond & Delamater. In 1879 he was elected to his present position as manager of the Conneaut Lake Ice Company, a history of which appears in this volume. He has been City Auditor and member of the City Council; is a member of the I. O. O. F. He is one of Meadville's most enterprising business men. In 1880 he was appointed Supervisor of Census of the Tenth District of Pennsylvania. In politics Mr. Richmond is a Republican.

A. B. RICHMOND, attorney, Meadville, was born in Switzerland County, Ind., April 26, 1825, son of Lawton and Sarah (Townsend) Richmond, natives of New England, of English descent, and is a direct descendant of John Richmond, the Puritan, who came over in the "Mayflower." His grandfather, William Richmond, was a soldier in the Revolutionary war. Lawton Richmond, subject's father, was a practicing physician and surgeon in the war of 1812. After the war he followed his profession in Indiana until 1834, when he removed to this county and practiced medicine until his death, which occurred in 1843. He was also a local preacher in the Methodist Episcopal Church, and preached the first Methodist sermon in Chautauqua County, N. Y. He was parent of three daughters, who died young, and two sons, H. L., a prominent lawyer of Meadville, and A. B. Our subject attended Allegheny College, and then took a medical course and practiced for three years in Meadville, during which time he studied law, and was admitted to the bar in 1851. He has found his medical knowledge of much service in his law practice. Mr. Richmond is one of the most noted criminal lawyers in this State, having been employed in over 4,000 criminal cases, sixty-five being homicides. He is also an expert mechanic, and can make a clock or steam engine. In 1853 he was appointed Assistant Director of machinery at the Crystal Palace. Mr. Richmond has delivered many scientific lectures on philosophy, physiology and chemistry, making his own apparatus for illustrating his subjects. He has been a prominent temperance lecturer and author for many years; was State Commissioner for Pennsylvania at the World's Fair, 1866. He is author of the great temperance work, "Leaves From the Diary of an Old Lawyer," which contains "Intemperance and Crime" and "Court and Prison;" also a temperance novel, "A Hawk in an Eagle's Nest," which have received the highest commendation from the press, and an extensive circulation. Our subject was married September 7, 1848, to Mary Jane, daughter of Levi Morris, of this county, and by this union were born three sons: Louis L., jeweler in Meadville, married to Miss Winnie Day, of Ohio (have two children, May W. and George D.); Hiram M., deceased, married to Miss Margaret, daughter of Daniel

Fowler, of Meadville (had one daughter, Margueritee F.); and Maj. Charles E., on the Governor's staff, now reading law with his father.

JAMES D. ROBERTS, attorney at law, Meadville, was born in Mercer County, Penn., August 9, 1850, son of Enoch and Mary (Calvin) Roberts, who were natives of Pennsylvania, the father of English, the mother of Irish descent. The father is a blacksmith, came to the county in 1856, and is still a resident of Fairfield Township. James D. is the eldest of a family of four children, one of whom is dead, and received his literary education at the New Lebanon Academy and the Edinboro State Normal, from which he graduated in 1873. He supported himself while in school, and after leaving school he taught for two years. He then commenced the study of law in the office of J. J. Henderson, of Meadville, being admitted to the district courts in 1876, and in 1878 to the Supreme Court of the State, and the United States District Circuit Courts. He was married, in 1880, to Flora A., daughter of Charles Forbes, a farmer and dairyman of this county. They have one child—Mary. Both are members of the Second Presbyterian Church, of which he has recently been elected Elder, and has been for the past four years Superintendent of the Sabbath-school.

WILLIAM RODDICK, Meadville, was born October 17, 1829, in Dumfriesshire, Scotland, where, after receiving a common school education, when sixteen years of age, he was employed upon public work, first in construction of sewerage, in Carlisle City, England. His parents were William and Margaret (Johnstone) Roddick, natives of Scotland, the former a farmer. They had a family of nine children. In March, 1856, our subject came to this country, and three days after landing was employed as foreman of construction on the Grand Trunk Railway of Canada, and after the completion of the road he remained foreman until 1862, when he moved to Jefferson County, Ohio, and did the first work on the Jamestown & Ashtabula Railroad. In April, 1865, Mr. Roddick came to Meadville, where he has since remained. In the following spring he was appointed Street Commissioner, and at the end of the second year he was made Policeman and Street Commissioner, in which capacity he served two years, when the duties of High Constable, Fire Warden and Pound Keeper were added to his other duties, which positions he has held ever since. During his incumbency he has superintended a vast amount of work for the city. He was married, October 11, 1853, to Miss Mary McCall, of his native town, who followed him to America, six months after his immigration. Their children now living are: Anna, wife of James Elder, in Iowa; James, an engineer; Susan, at home; William, a boiler-maker, in Meadville, Penn.; John, at home. Mr. and Mrs. Roddick are members of the Park Avenue Congregational Church, of which he has been Trustee since the organization. Mr. Roddick is a member of the I. O. O. F., being Past Noble Grand, Past Chief Patriarch, and a member of the Grand Lodge of the State; he is also a member of the K. of P.

HENRY ROGERS, proprietor of the Colt House, Meadville, was born in Bradford County, Penn., in 1847, and is a son of Hiram and Abigail (Parks) Rogers, natives of Pennsylvania, and of English descent, his father being a wagon-maker by trade. They had a family of five children. Henry Rogers received a common school education in his native place, and first engaged in the oil business, in which, in all, he has spent seventeen years. In 1884 he started his present hotel business, which bids fair to be a success. He was married, in this city, in 1873, to Sabina, daughter of Sylvester Boyles, one of the first settlers in Meadville. In politics Mr. Rogers is an old-fashioned Jacksonian Democrat.

SUSAN F. ROSE, M. D., physician, Meadville, was born in the city of Philadelphia, September 21, 1845, and is a daughter of Peter and Eliza A. (Boyer) Rose. Her parents were also natives of Philadelphia, her father of Welsh and English, her mother of French descent. Peter Rose, who came with his family to this county about 1857, was a farmer and lumber dealer. He raised a family of eight children, Susan F. being the fourth. He died in 1882. Our subject received her education in the graded schools of her native city, and studied medicine under Dr. Smith in this county from 1872 to 1875. In 1873–74 she attended the Woman's Medical College at Philadelphia, and graduated at the Homœopathic Hospital and College at Cleveland, in the year 1875. She then commenced the practice of medicine at Townville, in this county, and two years later came to Meadville, where she has continued practice.

H. R. ROTH, Superintendent of Public Schools of Meadville, as an educator is among the most prominent men of his age in the State of Pennsylvania. He was born in Pennsylvania, son of Reuben S. and Anna M. Rupp, and is of German descent. He was reared on a farm and attended the district school until fourteen, when he went to Cumberland Valley Institute, where he pursued his studies with such diligence that at the age of eighteen he was able to enter the Dickinson College, taking a position in the junior class, and at twenty graduated with honors. In 1875 he was elected Professor of Mathematics in the Pennington Seminary, N. J., and in 1877 accepted a position at the head of the public schools of Sunbury, Penn., where he remained until 1881, since when he has occupied his present position. He is a thorough scholar and a good disciplinarian. He is a prominent member of the Methodist Episcopal Church. Mr. Roth was married in 1878 to Amy C., a daughter of W. R. F. Weimer, Sunbury, Penn. In 1883 Mrs. Roth departed this life.

ARNOLD RUSSELL, engineer, Meadville, is an old and well-tried railroad man, having served the New York, Pennsylvania & Ohio Railroad for twenty-one years, and during all that time has never been called to the Superintendent's office for any misdemeanor or for any accident. He was born at Honesdale, Wayne Co., Penn., October 23, 1845, and is a son of Gaylord and Esther (Walton) Russell, of German and Irish descent. His father, who was a farmer, raised a family of six children, of whom Arnold is the fourth. Our subject received his education in his native county; in his eighteenth year he went on the railroad as fireman, and was running an engine before he reached his majority. For several years he ran a construction train on which he was both engineer and conductor. Since 1865 he has been first-class engineer on passenger trains. He is always prompt and ready for duty, and in twenty-one years has never missed a pay-day. He was married in 1866 to Miss Nancy, daughter of William Adams, a native of this county and of English descent. Their children are: Lizzie, Mabel, William Henry and Robert Stanley. Mrs. Russell is a member of the Park Avenue Congregational Church. In politics he is Independent. During the war he enlisted in a Pennsylvania regiment, but it was not called into active service. He is a prudent man and carries an insurance of $7,000 on his life. He is also owner of a farm of ninety acres in Hayfield Township, this county. He is a member of Knights of Pythias, the A. O. U. W., and of the American Legion of Honor.

JOHN SCHEAFNOCKER, Constable, Meadville, was born in Germany, October 10, 1831, and is a son of George and Elizabeth (Minsenier) Scheafnocker, the former of whom, a weaver by trade, came to America in 1835, settling in Pittsburgh, Penn. John was first a newsboy in Pittsburgh, and whatever education he has acquired was gathered outside the school-room. When

he was old enough he was set to learn the painter's trade, and became a skilled carriage painter. In 1861 he came to Meadville and worked at his trade until his enlistment in the army as a member of Company A, Two Hundred and Eleventh Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, serving until the close of the war. He is now a member of the G. A. R. For a time he had a shop here and carried on the painting business, but for the past seventeen years he has acted as Constable.

HON. HENRY SHIPPEN (deceased) was born December 28, 1788, in Lancaster City, Penn. He graduated at Dickenson College, Carlisle, Penn., studied law in his native city and commenced practicing his profession there. He was united in marriage with Elizabeth Wallis Evans (a grand-daughter of John Lukens, the first Surveyor-General of the State), a native of Northumberland, Penn., who bore him nine children, five of whom are now living: Mrs. Edgar Huidekoper, Meadville; Edward, in Louisville Ky.; Evans W., in Meadville; Rev. R. R., in Washington, D. C.; and Joseph, in Chicago, Ill. Mr. Shippen was Captain of the Lancaster Horse, First Brigade, Fourth Division, in the war of 1812, James Buchanan, afterward President of the United States, serving as private under him. After the war he moved to Huntingdon, Penn., from where he was sent as a member of the Legislature of the State, and followed his profession there till 1825, when he was appointed by the Governor President Judge of the Sixth Judicial District, comprising Erie, Crawford, Mercer, Venango and Warren Counties, serving until his death in 1839. The subject of this sketch possessed a judicial mind of the highest attainment, inherited from a long line of ancestry, each one of the four preceding generations of the Shippen family having given to the State a Judge. His great-great-grandfather, Edward Shippen, a Quaker (a son of William Shippen, a member of Parliament from Presbury, Cheshire, England) was born in 1639 in England, immigrated to Boston in 1668, moved to Philadelphia in 1693, was Speaker of the Assembly in 1695, and from 1696 to 1700 was member of the Provincial Council. William Penn named him, in the charter October 25, 1701, as the first Mayor of the city of Philadelphia, and on the death of Penn's deputy, Hamilton, of New Jersey, May, 1703, he became the head of the Government. At this time he was also a Provincial Judge. His great-grandfather, Joseph Shippen, born in Boston in 1678, was amongst the men of science of his day, and in 1727 joined Dr. Benjamin Franklin in founding the Junto in Philadelphia. His grandfather, Edward Shippen, was born in Boston in 1703, was Mayor of the city of Philadelphia in 1744, and was afterward Judge under both the Provincial and State Government. His father, Joseph Shippen (brother of Edward Shippen, Chief Justice in 1799), was born in Philadelphia in 1732, commissioned Colonel in the Provincial Army in 1758, and served in the expedition that captured Fort Du Quesne; commissioned Secretary of the Provincial Council of Pennsylvania in 1762, and was appointed Judge of Lancaster Court in 1789.

EVANS W. SHIPPEN, oil producer, Meadville, was born in Huntingdon, Penn., March 16, 1824, son of Hon. Henry and Elizabeth W. (Evans) Shippen. He came to Meadville with his parents in 1825, and acquired his education in the common schools and at Allegheny College. From 1844 to 1863 he was engaged in the iron business in Lancaster and Philadelphia Cities. He became interested in the production of petroleum while living in Philadelphia in 1860, soon after the first oil well was drilled, chartered a barque and shipped one of the first full cargoes of oil to England. In 1864 he returned to reside in Meadville. He was united in marriage in Philadelphia, in 1851, with Catherine Y. McElwee, a great-grand-daughter of Judge Jasper Yeates,

author and compiler of Yeates' Reports, and who was Chief Justice of Pennsylvania from 1791 to 1817. Her grandfather, Charles Smith, was Provost of the University of Pennsylvania, and her father, Thomas B. McElwee, was an attorney in Bedford, Penn. Mr. Shippen has in his possession many old letters, books and papers of provincial times. He is a representative business man fostering a number of enterprises in this and Venango Counties.

JAMES J. SHRYOCK, retired merchant and railroad President, Meadville, was born in Conneautville, Crawford Co., Penn., March 12, 1821, son of Daniel and Elizabeth (McNamara) Shryock. His mother was a native of Pennsylvania, of English descent. His father, born in Maryland, of German lineage, came to this county in 1818, and manufactured salt in Beaver Township until 1822, when he came to Meadville and engaged in merchandising till 1842. He reared six children. Our subject, the eldest son, was educated at the Meadville Academy, graduating in 1837. He then clerked for his father till 1839, when he embarked in general merchandising. In 1855 he was appointed Director of the Pittsburgh & Erie Railroad Company by the commissioners of this county. In 1857, in company with J. D. Gill, he bought the Cussewago Mills. In 1858 he became one of the incorporators of the Meadville Railroad Company, now merged into the Atlantic & Great Western, and was elected a Director. In 1859 he was one of the incorporators of the New York Division of the Atlantic & Great Western Railroad, and was chosen Director. In the same year he sent several samples of the newly discovered petroleum to London, England; in December, 1861, he purchased 3,000 barrels for that market. In 1864 he became one of the Board of Directors of the New Lisbon, Ohio, Railroad Company. In 1865 he was elected President of the Pennsylvania Division of the Atlantic & Great Western Railroad, the same year a Director in the Mercer Mining & Manufacturing Company and also of the Shenango & Allegheny Railroad Company. On the consolidation of the railroads of the Atlantic & Great Western Company, in 1866, he was elected Vice-President, and the same year was appointed a Director of the Pithole Railroad Company. When the Atlantic & Great Western passed into the hands of a receiver in 1867, Mr. Shryock was made his assistant, and in 1868 became President of the Shenango & Allegheny Company. He was elected President of the Meadville Water Company in 1874; in 1880 was elected President of the Meadville Railway Company. Mr. Shryock has been twice married, on first occasion, 1842, to Priscilla, daughter of Robert Gill, who bore him three children, viz.: John J., a carpet merchant; Frank R., milling; and Emma, wife of Noble H. Merwin, of Cleveland, Ohio. This wife dying in 1869, he was remarried, 1871, to Mary, daughter of George A. Shryock, of Philadelphia, a manufacturer, who was the first to make straw boards, extensively used at the present time. Mr. and Mrs. Shryock are members of the Park Avenue Congregational Church, of which he is a Trustee. He is also one of the incorporators and a Director of the Greendale Cemetery and for many years was a Trustee of Allegheny College.

JOHN J. SHRYOCK, merchant, Meadville, was born in Meadville August 8, 1853, and is a son of James J. and P. L. (Gill) Shryock, the former a prominent citizen of Meadville. Our subject is the second of three children, and received his education in the common school of Meadville and at Allegheny College. In 1873 he obtained a position as clerk in a wholesale carpet store in Cleveland, Ohio, where he remained two years. He then embarked in business with T. A. Delamater, and they continued with success until 1883, since which time Mr. Shryock has continued the business alone, being the most extensive dealer in this part of the State, selling to all neighboring towns and

not infrequently adjoining States. He married September 13, 1883, Adelaide Louise, daughter of L. C. Magaw, a prominent merchant of Meadville. Mr. and Mrs. Shryock are members of the Episcopal Church; in politics he is a Democrat.

A. W. SMITH, President of the Meadville Business College, was born in Vernon Township, Trumbull Co., Ohio, September 18, 1833, and is a son of Conrad M. and Sarah (Hall) Smith, both natives of New Jersey, and of German and French descent. Our subject was reared on the farm until seventeen years old, and received his education at Vernon Academy. He then commenced to learn carpentering, working at his trade in summer, and teaching district school in winter, for five years. He then entered upon his college course, and in two years graduated, being then twenty-four years of age. In 1860 he was engaged as Principal of the academy at Greenupburg, Ky. He also attended Hiram College while James A. Garfield was President of it. At one time Mr. Smith accepted the Superintendency of the Bryant & Stratton Business College in Cincinnati, and after a time was transferred to the Albany college. He was also engaged at times in New York, Brooklyn, Troy, and Cleveland. In 1865 he formed a copartnership with Bryant & Stratton, and opened the Meadville Business College. Under his management the college has had an attendance of 126 students per year, most of whom graduated and now hold prominent positions. In 1862 our subject was married to Mary J., daughter of Hiram Moe, a native of New York and of Scotch descent. Mr. Smith has served three years as Auditor of the county.

EDWARD P. SPRAGUE, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church of Meadville, was born October 18, 1843, and is a son of Rev. Daniel G. and Caroline (Wood) Sprague. His father, who was a Presbyterian minister, had a family of four children, of whom Edward P. is the youngest. Our subject received his education in Newark, N. J., and at Williston Seminary, Easthampton, Mass., then afterward took a regular course at the University of New York City. He was the first in rank of scholarship, and valedictorian of the class in 1864. He then entered the Andover Theological Seminary, from which he graduated in 1867, and was ordained pastor of the First Presbyterian Church at Salem, Washington Co., N. Y., in April, 1868. He was married the same year to Miss Sarah F., daughter of Dr. Henry S. Dering, of Long Island, N. Y. They have two children: Vesta D. and Dering J. He continued as pastor at Salem until 1881, and during his pastorate he wrote a biography of his father, and a history of the church at Salem, which were published in pamphlet form and are now a part of the history of the county, being extensively read and published in other histories. In 1881 he resigned his pastorate to accept his present charge, where he was installed November 3, 1881. In his political views Mr. Sprague is a Republican. He is distinguished for his fluency as a public speaker, and is beloved by all for his social qualities.

H. STEELE, proprietor of steam bakery, Meadville, was born in Herkimer County, N. Y., December 16, 1820, and is a son of Adam and Dorothy (Daggett) Steele, natives of New York and of German descent, former a carpenter by trade. They had a family of seven children, of whom H. is the youngest. Our subject received his education in Jamestown, N. Y., and until twenty-six years of age worked in a sash and blind factory. He then came to Meadville, engaging for twenty-two years in the foundry business; he made the machinery used by Mr. Drake in boring for oil. He then went into the oil business for himself, having the good fortune to strike oil, and is still dealing in this article, owning oil lands. He was married in Meadville to Catharine

J. Frost, and their children are: Albert H., a railroad President, residing in Chicago; Bryan C., a manufacturer in Chicago; Fletcher A., in Meadville; William, a merchant in Ohio; George, in railroad business; Homer, and Lucy M., a widow. In his political views Mr. Steele affiliates with the Republican party.

FRANK A. STRIFFLER, proprietor of the "Budd House," Meadville, was born September 17, 1853, in Warren County, Ohio, son of Sebastian and Barbara (Beck) Striffler, natives of Germany, who came to America in 1845, settling for a time in Pittsburgh, Penn., but after a few years removing to Butler County, Penn., and from there to Warren County, Ohio. Sebastian Striffler was by trade a merchant tailor. They were parents of nine children, six now living, viz.: Christina, Mary, Peter, Frank A., Matilda and Maggie. Our subject was educated in Meadville, Penn., and graduated from the commercial college. He was married March 28, 1875, to Lena, daughter of Jacob Michael, by whom he has three children: Frank, Maggie and Clara. Mr. Striffler took charge of the "Budd House" in April, 1881. This first-class hotel is located on Water Street, convenient to the railroad station, a bus being sent to meet all trains. The "Budd House," under Mr. Striffler's management, offers best advantages to the traveling public at most reasonable rates. Our subject is a member of the C. B. A., of Meadville.

WILLIAM THOMEIER, shoe-maker, Meadville, was born in Germany, July 25, 1840; and is a son of Peter J., and Frances K. (Ottimen) Thomeier, natives of Germany, who came to America in 1855, and in 1856 settled in Meadville. Peter J. Thomeier was a stone-mason. Our subject, who is third of a family of seven, since eighteen years of age has worked at shoe-making, and since 1862 in Meadville. He was married in 1865 to Miss C. C. Kopp, a native of Germany, and they have had seven children, six of whom are yet living. They are: Anna, Katie, Fannie, Emma, Charles and Edna. The fifth child, Franklin, is deceased. In politics Mr. Thomeier is a Democrat; he is a member of the City Council; is the owner of two houses and lots, and has made his own way in the world.

TOTMAN & HEISERMAN, builders of fine light buggies, Park Avenue, Meadville, came from Ohio to this city in 1883, embarking in their present business, turning out only first-class work of the best material. Their business this year is double that of last year, and they now employ nine men. They have spent their time at their business since boyhood. The senior member of the firm, H. M. Totman, was born in Connecticut in 1853, and is a son of A. C. and Martha (Atkins) Totman, of English and Scotch ancestry, the father a jeweler by trade. He received his education and in 1868 graduated at East Bloomfield Academy, New York. As he has been engaged for sixteen years as a carriage trimmer, and during that time has worked in some of the largest carriage manufactories in America, his experience eminently qualifies him for his department of the work. He was married in 1876 to Miss Belle Thompson, in Ohio. They have four children: Georgia, Norma, Juanita and Winnie. They are members of the Presbyterian Church. In politics Mr. Totman is a Republican. W. E. Heiserman is a native of Stark County, Ohio, born July 17, 1852, and is a son of Gideon and Rebecca (Smith) Heiserman, of German descent, parents of seven children, of whom our subject is second. He was educated in Paris, Ohio; has most of his life worked at wood finishing on carriages, and is a master workman. He was married in Ohio, in 1881, to Miss Belle Miller. They have one daughter—Araminta. They are members of the English Lutheran Church. In politics he is a Republican.

GEORGE D. TRAWIN, wholesale and retail dealer in dry goods, notions,

etc., 904 and 906 Water Street, Meadville. As one of the most prominent industries and praiseworthy enterprises that have tended to develop the mercantile interests of Meadville, more than a passing reference is due to the mammoth establishment of George D. Trawin, who may safely be said to be the best representative of the rising trade of the city. Mr. Trawin is a native of New Jersey, and previous to coming to Meadville was engaged in the dry goods business in Cleveland, Ohio, Cincinnati and other points. He has been connected with the business interests of this place for the past six years, and deservedly enjoys the confidence of the purchasing public of the city and surrounding country, as his experience, dating back some twenty years, and extensive facilities in every respect, good business qualities, together with personal attention to every department of his establishment, and discretion in the purchasing of goods, eminently qualify him to transact his flourishing business with satisfaction to all classes of the community; and it is a well known fact that the establishment is not operated in the interests of any one special class to the exclusion of any other class, but all alike are courteously attended by a staff of twenty to twenty-five courteous assistants. The house was originally established by W. H. Andrews in the year 1858, but has been under the proprietorship of Mr. Trawin since 1881, and since that date the business has attained its highest usefulness and secured its greatest patronage. The building occupied is 46 feet in width by 130 feet in depth, and is in all respects a central and noticeably flourishing institution.

COL. C. W. TYLER, attorney at law, Meadville, was born in Montrose, Susquehanna Co., Penn., March 6, 1838. His grandfather, Simeon Tyler, was of good New England stock, a native of Massachusetts. His grandmother was a Brewster, also of Massachusetts, and a descendant of the Puritan Brewsters. His father, Simeon Tyler, Jr., was born in Connecticut, but moved with his father into Susquehanna when that county was a wilderness. His family consisted of five children, of whom the subject of this sketch is the youngest; only one other, a sister, is now living Col. Tyler was raised on a farm, and, in his early days, shared the privations incident to a new and partially developed country. At the early age of ten years he was apprenticed to learn the printer's trade, dividing his time for several years between the printing office and the local academy, with an occasional summer on the farm. In the summer of 1855 he worked at his trade in Syracuse, N. Y. In January, 1856, he attended New York Central College, at McGrawsville, Cortland Co., N. Y. In July of that year he left this institution for Homer, N. Y., in the same county, where he remained for nearly two years, attending a seminary which ranked high as an educational institution. During this time he taught school one winter in Dryden, Tompkins Co., N. Y. From Homer he returned to Montrose, where, after working one season on a farm, he read law with Hon. F. B. Streeter, who was Solicitor of the Treasury under President Pierce. Col. Tyler was admitted to the bar in 1860. Being in poor health, early in 1861 he visited Minnesota, returning to Montrose in the spring of 1862, much benefitted by his Western trip. In August of that year he assisted in raising a company of volunteers, of which he was elected Captain, and joined the One Hundred and Forty-first Regiment Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry at Harrisburg. He was with his regiment in the Army of the Potomac, participating in all the great battles of that heroic army from Second Bull Run to just prior to the surrender at Appomattox. At Chancellorsville and in the wilderness he received slight wounds. At Gettysburg, July 2, 1863, he was severely wounded by a minie ball through the right leg. Returning to his regiment in the following December, he was promoted to be Major, *vice* Maj. Spalding, who

lost a leg at Gettysburg and who subsequently died. In June, 1864, he was promoted to be Lieutenant-Colonel of the regiment, *vice* Lieut.-Col. Watkins, killed on the 18th day of May, before Petersburg. About this time Madill, Colonel of the regiment, who for some time had been in command of a brigade, was promoted to be Brigadier-General, which entitled the subject of our sketch to a commission as a full Colonel, but owing to an unfortunate order of the Secretary of War, promotion was denied to officers whose regiments were below the minimum. In March, 1865, ill health compelled Col. Tyler to resign his commission, and he returned to Susquehanna County and engaged in the practice of law. At the request of Hon. W. H. Jessup, Assessor of Internal Revenue for that district, Col. Tyler was appointed one of the Assistant Assessors. Soon after Mr. Jessup was removed by President Johnson, and the position was tendered to Col. Tyler if he would become a supporter of the President in his conflict with his party. Col. Tyler declined to "Johnsonize," as it was called, and he was soon removed, to accommodate some one more pliant. In August, 1867, Col. Tyler removed to Meadville, entering into partnership with R. Lyle White in the publication of the Meadville *Republican*. Two years later, disposing of his interest in the *Republican*, he purchased the Crawford *Journal*, which he conducted until 1872, when he retired from the printing business, and again embarked in the practice of law, in which profession he is still engaged, being now associated with P. F. Hallock, Esq., under the firm name of Tyler & Hallock. In 1876 Col. Tyler was elected, as a Republican, to the Pennsylvania Legislature, serving during the years 1877 and 1878. He was again elected in 1880 for a new term of two years. He was one of the "Independents" during the Senatorial contest in the Legislature, which attracted the attention of the whole country. He was nominated for re-election in 1882, but defeated at the general election, owing to dissensions in the Republican party; although he received within twenty votes of the highest on his ticket. In the spring of 1883 the citizens of the First Ward of Meadville, without distinction of party, unanimously elected him to the City Council, of which he is still a member. He is one of the Trustees of the Meadville Theological School; a Past Master of Crawford Lodge, No. 234, A. Y. M., and a Past Grand of Crawford Lodge, No. 734, of the I. O. O. F., which Lodge he has at several times represented in the Grand Lodge of the State. Col. Tyler was married, March 14, 1864, to Lucy T. Warner, of Montrose, Penn. They have had four children, only two of whom are now living: Lizzie R., born in August, 1866, and Mabel, born in October, 1868.

ANDREW J. WALP, stoves and tinware, Meadville, was born in this city, July 10, 1840, and is the son of David and Elizabeth (Geller) Walp, the former a native of Pennsylvania, and early settler of this county, the latter a native of Germany. They had a family of seven children, of whom Andrew J. is the eldest. The family grew up in Meadville, receiving their education in the common schools. Andrew J. chose the tinner's trade, which has been his occupation for twenty-seven years, an experience that places him at the head of his business. He was married in 1861 to Miss Mary P., daughter of Henry McCoy, a native of Meadville, and of Scotch-Irish descent. They had six children, of whom five survive. Their names are Carrie E.; George, in his father's store; Addie; A. J. Jr., deceased; Frank and Willie at school. Mr. Walp is a Republican in politics; is a member of the K. of P., and is a Knight Templar.

PHILIP P. WENZ, Justice of the Peace, Meadville, was born in Bavaria, Germany, January 15, 1845, and is a son of Philip G. and Sarah (Kahler)

Wenz, natives of Germany, who came to America in 1858 and raised a family of four children, of whom Philip P. is the youngest. He remained with his parents taking care of them in old age. His mother is still living at the advanced age of seventy-nine; his father passed away in 1884, in his eightieth year. They resided for many years in Meadville. Mr. Wenz was a candidate for Clerk of the Courts in 1881, and received a flattering vote, though defeated with the rest of the Democratic ticket, but the following spring was elected Justice of the Peace by a large majority. He received his education partly in his native land and partly in Meadville Academy, and Bryant, Stratton & Smith's Commercial College, where he graduated with honor. Mr. Wenz followed the tailoring business in Meadville for many years, until he was elected Justice of the Peace.

Peter Wenz, the eldest son of Philip G. and Sarah (Kahler) Wenz, and brother of the above named, was well known among the Christian people of Meadville about the years 1859 and 1860, as an educated young man, who resigned a lucrative position in the Bavarian Revenue Service, and came to Meadville in the former year and entered Allegheny College to prepare himself for the missionary work. He died in 1860, before he was fully prepared to enter into that field of usefulness, loved and respected by all.

HENRY ERB WILSON, merchant and distiller. This gentleman takes high rank as one of the most successful business men of Meadville. He is a son of Samuel and Nancy (McDonald) Wilson, natives of Belfast, Ireland. In 1843 the father of our subject came over to America and located upon Government land near Hamilton, Ontario, engaging at once in agriculture. At this date the present prosperous city of Hamilton contained a population not exceeding a dozen permanent citizens, and what are now center lots of the city could have been purchased at the rate of $4 per acre. Previous to his coming to America, Samuel Wilson had married and was the father of three children, and after three years of prosperity in the land of his adoption, he returned to the old country and brought over his family to the home he had prepared for them, and for more than forty years he has continued to reside and prosper upon the lands he originally took up. To the union of Samuel and Nancy Wilson were born six children: Mary Ann, married to Louis Mills, Esq., of Hamilton, Ontario; James, deceased; Lizzie C., residing with Henry E.; Maggie, married to John Anderson, Esq., of Hamilton, Ontario; Hugh, residing in Wentworth County, Ontario, and Henry E., who was born on his father's farm, June 2, 1853. Until twelve years of age he lived the usual life of a well-to-do, industrious farmer's son. He then went to reside with his brother-in-law, Louis Mills, with whom he remained three years, the greater part of the time being spent in attendance at an excellent literary academy. At fifteen he was influenced by reports of oil operations to go to Oil City, Penn., and was inspired with an ambitious hope to acquire a fortune. He remained there nine years, serving in the capacity of clerk for various parties. In 1872 and 1873 he visited the home of his parents. In the latter part of this year we find him employed as clerk in Meadville with Tracy Colt, in whose service he continued four years. Here, on a borrowed capital of $150, he assumed the lease of the property, corner of Chestnut and Water Streets, known as the St. Cloud. At this writing he continues to occupy these premises, conducting thereat a general restaurant business, and in addition a railroad ticket brokerage office, he being a well-known member of the Ticket Brokers' Association of the United States. In January, 1882, our subject purchased the Peiffer Distillery, and is now engaged in the manufacture of that celebrated and popular brand of liquor made at that establishment. In May, 1882, he still added to

his business interests by opening a wholesale liquor store on Chestnut Street, and becoming a heavy importer of the best foreign stock. By dealing always in reliable goods and paying strict and unremitting attention to the advancement of his commercial interests, Mr. Wilson has succeeded in thoroughly establishing himself as one of the solid business men of the city of Meadville. Mr. Wilson is an A. F. & A. M., a member of the I. O. O. F., the K. of P. and Royal Arcanum.

REV. FRANZ WINTER, pastor of St. Agatha's Church, Meadville, was born October 11, 1840, in Haste, near Osnabruck, kingdom of Hanover. He attended the parish school from seven to fourteen years of age, and the Gymnasium Carolinum at Osnabruck. In 1872 Mr. Winter came to America. For four years he attended St. Vincent College, near Latrobe, Westmoreland Co., Penn. He was ordained priest August 24, 1876, and served for a short time at Meadville, Penn. On September 24, 1876, he took charge of the newly erected St. Elizabeth Church at Corry, Penn., which was dedicated for divine worship that day. Since the end of October, 1883, our subject has been transferred from Corry to St. Agatha's Church, Meadville.

WILLIAM M. WOODRUFF, insurance agent, Meadville, was born May 30, 1843, in Portage County, Ohio, and is a son of Chauncey and Paulina (Bray) Woodruff, natives of Connecticut, and of English and Scotch descent. His father died in 1851, and his mother lived to be eighty-six years of age. Our subject is the youngest of a family of eleven children, and at the age of eighteen he learned telegraphy, which he followed until 1872. Since then he has been in the employment of the Mutual Life Insurance Company of New York, and is now district agent. He was married December 25, 1866, to Jessie Wood, and they have three children: William B., Frank M. and Harry P. Mr. and Mrs. Woodruff are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, of which for several years he has been Steward and Trustee, and for seven years Treasurer.

C. M. YATES, M. D., Meadville, was born January 2, 1804, at Germantown, a suburb of Philadelphia, son of John and Mary (Riter) Yates, former a native of London, England, and formerly a shipping merchant of Philadelphia; latter a native of Trenton, N. J. Our subject was left an orphan at the age of about eight years, and his father's estate permitting him to receive a thorough education he was placed under the charge of Rev. Francis A. Luther, a private instructor, with whom he remained several years, and from his tuition he entered Garrison Academy, near Baltimore, Md., where he completed his literary education. When eighteen years of age he then studied under Prof. Samuel Baker, of that city, finishing his medical education at the University of Maryland in 1825. The Doctor then immediately commenced the practice of his profession, locating at Meadville, Penn., where he continued in active and successful practice for forty years, and then retired. Our subject was united in marriage in 1826 with Maria A., sister of James B. Buchanan, and to this union were born five children, one now surviving—Mary Dunham. The Doctor was again married about 1850, on this occasion to Clara, daughter of Dr. Chamberlain, of this county. By this union were seven children, six now living, viz.: William M., married to Margaret Spade, of Meadville, Penn. (have one child, Dora Clara; they live in Meadville); Anna, wife of D. P. McClintock, a native of Ireland (have four children: Clara, Marie, Charles and an infant daughter; they reside in New York City); Albert; Emma, wife of Arthur Greenes (have two children; they reside in Minnesota); Frank, married to Ella Ewing, a native of this county (have one child, Ray); and Jennie. Dr. Yates is the only surviving member of the original chartered lodge of

Meadville F. & A. M., which may be regarded the parent lodge of that fraternity for all northwestern Pennsylvania.

JOHN W. ZONE, liveryman, Meadville, was born in Woodcock Township, this county, February 15, 1829, and is a son of Peter and Catharine (Swartz) Zone, natives of Lehigh County, Penn., and of Pennsylvania-German origin. His father was a laborer, and came to Woodcock Township in 1827, owning there a farm, which he continued to work until his decease in 1883. He raised a family of two sons and two daughters, John W. being the eldest in the family. The mother was twice married, and was a widow when she married Mr. Zone. Our subject was reared on the farm until his twentieth year, when he worked by the month for a time, then came to Meadville, where he followed teaming and draying for fifteen years. He then went into the livery business, which he has carried on most of the time since. He was married in 1854 to Eliza, daughter of Daniel Shartle, and of German descent. They have four children, two now living: Frank H., in the livery business, married, and Emma May, at home. Mrs. Zone is a member of the German Reformed Church, Mr. Zone of the Methodist Episcopal Church. He is a member of the A. O. U. W. and K. of P.; in politics a Republican.

ATHENS TOWNSHIP.

CHARLES F. ADAMS, deceased, was born in Susquehanna County, Penn., April 2, 1816, son of Asa and Sibyl Adams. While teaching school in Hayfield Township, this county, our subject became acquainted with Miss Eveline Lefevre, whom he married June 6, 1844. She was born May 20, 1820, daughter of the pioneers, Adam and Mary Lefevre. To this union were born the following children: Adella L., deceased; Emma M., deceased at eighteen years of age; Charles J., deceased, and Edwin P., an express agent at Halstead, Kan. After living on a farm for a few years after their marriage, Mr. and Mrs. Adams moved to Meadville, Penn., in 1848, where our subject was elected Sheriff of Crawford County, creditably discharging the duties of same. At the expiration of his term of office Mr. Adams carried on a general merchandising store for about sixteen years at Conneautville. In 1871 Mr. Adams was elected Jury Commissioner, and was then re-elected, which term expired in fall of 1872. They then lived for some years on a farm near Meadville, and in 1877 went to Sterling, Rice Co., Kan. There Mr. Adams, who was a useful and influential citizen, died July 8, 1881. His remains are buried at Conneautville, this county. His widow now resides in her native township, enjoying the comforts of a serene and peaceful old age.

FRANKLIN ADAMS, farmer, P. O. Riceville, was born July 28, 1832, in Susquehanna County, Penn., son of Asa and Sibyl Adams, who came to this county about 1836, locating in Athens Township in 1837. The former died February 16, 1862, aged seventy-seven years; the latter died May 29, 1858. Here our subject grew up, enduring the hardships that fell to the lot of a pioneer's son. He married, January 2, 1854, Ruth A. Parker, born in Cattaraugus County, N. Y., February 23, 1832, daughter of Thomas and Mary Parker. When eighteen years old she came to this county with her parents, from Chautauqua County, N. Y. Our subject and wife settled in this township after their marriage, chiefly devoting themselves to farming. They have acquired a

comfortable home, having purchased, in 1874, the old Clement's farm, where they now live. They have one son—Thomas Eugene—who married Viola Hall. They reside near Grand Valley, Warren Co., Penn., and have a family of four children: Jasper C., George M., Mattie B. and William F. Mrs. Franklin Adams is a consistent member of the Methodist Episcopal Church. Our subject is an A. F. & A. M., and a member of the K. of H. He is a stanch Republican; a man of much influence in the community.

WILLIAM G. ASH, farmer, P. O. Riceville, was born March 31, 1852, in Cussewago Township, this county, son of Jonas and Sarah Ash. He was reared on his father's farm, acquiring his education in the district schools. He married, April 29, 1873, Rebecca E. Colter, born in Venango Township, August 7, 1852, daughter of John and Phebe (Scott) Colter, who were also natives of Venango Township. By this union were born two children: Mina M. and Ray M. After their marriage our subject and wife lived in Venango Township three years, locating, in 1876, on their present farm, which consists of 100 acres of land. Mrs. Ash is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church. Mr. Ash is an energetic and successful young farmer, and is winning the esteem of the whole community. In politics he supports the Republican party.

JOHN G. ASH, farmer, P. O. Riceville, was born October 19, 1853, in Cussewago Township, this county, and is the son of Jonas and Sarah Ash, who were among the pioneers of that township. Our subject was brought up on his father's farm, and received his education in the schools of the home district. He was united in marriage November 18, 1873, with Alvira Brace, daughter of Josiah and Mary Ann Brace, of Hayfield Township, this county. They came to Athens Township the next year and purchased the farm they now occupy, comprising 100 acres of well improved land. Their children are Florence May and Everett DeForest. Mr. Ash has always been a Republican. He is an industrious, enterprising young farmer respected by all.

JAMES BIDWELL, proprietor of saw-mill, Little Cooley, was born in this township May 3, 1838; son of Cyrus and Elizabeth Bidwell, the former of whom, when a lad, came to this county with his father, Russell Bidwell, and July 4, 1837, married Elizabeth Smith, daughter of George Smith, of Blooming Valley, and settled in Athens Township. They were parents of the following children: James, Mrs. Mary Ann Higby, Lewis, Oscar, Loren, Benton, Albert, Emma (died May 1, 1872), Rebecca and Darwin C. Cyrus Bidwell departed this life December 12, 1882. Our subject, the oldest son of these early pioneers, spent his boyhood days engaged mainly in performing the duties that fell to the lot of a farmer's boy in those early times, and attended the district schools. In 1872 he purchased the saw-mill on Muddy Creek, formerly owned by Thomas Smith. He had previously bought a farm and engaged in farming on his own account. Mr. Bidwell is an upright, reliable business man. He still carries on the mill, engaging in farming through the summers. He has ever been a Democrat, inheriting his principles from past generations.

HARRISON H. BOYLE, farmer, P. O. Centreville, was born in Tompkins County, N. Y., October 19, 1821; son of Jesse and Sarah (Kelley) Boyle, who, after a four years' residence in Allegany County, N. Y., came to this county in 1837, and here lived a few years in Meadville and Randolph townships before they settled permanently in Spring Township, about 1843, where they died. The children born to this couple are: Mrs S. M. Hamilton, Harrison H., Jonas, Lucy (now Mrs. A. Sperry), Charles S., George, LaFayette, Dwight, Mary (now Mrs. Page, of Dorset, Ohio), and Arvilla (now Mrs. Doty, of

McPherson County, Kan.). Our subject, after traveling some years, during which time he visited most of the States in the Union, married, February 25, 1847, Sarah M. Corell, born in Livingston Co., N. Y., March 21, 1830, daughter of James and Marilla Corell, of Athens. By this union are the following children: Wellington, married to Ella Brand; Fayette, married to Eva Cory; Bruce E. and Nellie. Mr. and Mrs. Boyle are members of the Congregational Church, and are ardent friends of the cause of education, giving their children both literary and musical advantages. They settled after their marriage on their present farm (now a part of Centreville Borough), to which they have added until it now comprises some 330 acres. Their house being burned in 1872, they replaced it by their present handsome residence. Mr. Boyle is a man of sterling character, and is a useful citizen.

LEANDER AARON CONNER, farmer, P. O. Riceville, was born in 1834 in Chautauqua County, N. Y.; son of James and Nancy (Correll) Conner, natives of Ulster County, N. Y., and Lancaster County, Penn., respectively, and who, after living in Chautauqua County, N. Y., several years, came to this county, settling in Athens Township in 1842. They were parents of the following children: Henry, in Chautauqua County, N. Y.; William; James F.; Abel and Winfield in Michigan; Mrs. Roxana Yarrington, of Iowa; and L. Aaron, besides four deceased. Mrs. Conner departed this life March 17, 1881, Mr. Conner following her June 6, 1883. They were an upright, pioneer people of the strictest honor. Our subject grew to manhood, sharing the many disadvantages common to the sons of the early settlers, improving, to the best of his ability, the limited educational opportunities afforded him. He spent six years, while a young man, traveling over the various States in the Northwest, and returned in 1858. In 1861 he married Julia B. Goldfinch, born at Elizabeth, N. J., in 1843, daughter of William and Christiana Goldfinch, of Folkestone, England. They then settled down on the old homestead, comprising seventy-five acres of well-improved land, taking care of Mr. Conner's parents until their decease. They have one son—Leon A. Both are firm adherents of the Baptist faith and enthusiastic advocates af the temperance cause. Mr. Conner, a carpenter and joiner by trade, as was his father before him, is a skillful mechanic.

ISAAC W. CUMMINGS, farmer, P. O. Lincolnville, a native of Massachusetts, was born June 28, 1811. His parents, Dr. Nathan and Phebe (Maxwell) Cummings, started to come to this county in 1812, but owing to the war remained in New York State until 1815, when they came to and settled in Cambridgeboro, Penn. Dr. Cummings was the first physician in Cambridge Township, for many years bravely enduring alone all the hardships of a pioneer practitioner, and ended a useful life highly respected by all who knew him. He was the parent of twelve children. Our subject, the ninth in the family, was married August 23, 1833, to Louisa Swift, of Woodcock Township, this county. By this union were the following children: Linns Serrel, in Michigan; Mrs. Bede J. Skelton (deceased); Isaac D. (deceased); William D. (deceased); Dean, in Richmond Township, this county; Mrs. Eunice A. Faulkenberg; Mrs. Mary S. Nodine (deceased); Curtis C., in Woodcock Township, this county; Isaac W.; Mrs. Phebe L. Hume; and Mrs. Susan S. Pinney. Mr. and Mrs. Cummings, after spending several years each in Richmond, Woodcock, Venango and Bloomfield Townships, finally settled in 1880 on their present farm in Athens Township. Mr. Cummings has followed lumbering quite extensively. About 1853 he was engaged in mercantile business for two years in Richmond Township in partnership with James Leffingwell; was also in same business about 1858–59 in Venango Township along with Erastus O.

Beach Previously he operated a saw-mill for two years in Sparta Township. He is a Democrat politically; was twice elected Justice of the Peace, and has filled various other township offices with credit to himself and to the satisfaction of the people.

M. DOBBS, SR., farmer, P. O. Lincolnville, was born in Canada, March 18, 1787, son of Michael Dobbs, a soldier in the Revolutionary war who bore many scars received in its hard-fought battles, and grandson of Michael Dobbs, a native of England. Our subject moved to the State of Vermont during the war of 1812, coming to this county about 1830. Here he married Mary Phelps, who was then but sixteen years of age. By this union were born six children—three boys and three girls—Michael Jr., Andrew Jackson, Samuel E., Elner, Mary and Betsy. Mr. and Mrs. Dobbs are still living and enjoying the respect of the community.

ALONZO DRAKE, farmer, P. O. Little Cooley, was born in Genesee County, N. Y., March 4, 1819; son of James and Sallie Drake, who came to this township in 1831. Our subject came here with his parents, and was brought up on his father's farm, enjoying the limited educational advantages of those early days. He married, November 5, 1846, Sophronia Wilford, born in Genesee County, N. Y., June 26, 1825, and came to this county in 1843, with her parents, Jeremiah and Clara Wilford. Mr. and Mrs. Drake settled on the old homestead in this township, comprising seventy-five acres of well-improved land, where they still reside. The children born to this union are—Leroy W., married to Caroline Smith, living on an adjoining farm; Stanley, married to Effie Rondebush, teaching in Titusville Commercial College; Clara M.; and J. Clifton. Mr. Drake has ever been a Republican. He takes a deep interest in the public affairs of his township; has satisfactorily filled various of its offices and has served fourteen years as School Director. He has always led a life of justice and morality; is independent in his religious views, and is one of the most useful and influential citizens of Athens Township.

LEVANT J. DRAKE, bridge-builder and Postmaster, Little Cooley, was born in Allegany County, N. Y., March 23, 1823; son of James and Sallie, (Marvin) Drake, natives respectively of Seneca and Otsego Counties, N. Y., and who moved to this county from Genesee County, settling in Athens Township in 1831. They were parents of the following children: Alonzo; Melissa, afterward Mrs. Chapin and now deceased; Levant J.; Dorluskie, now Mrs. Archibald; Loduskie, now Mrs. Minniss; Legrand M.; Jerome; Amanda, now Mrs. Graham; and Philo. Mr. Drake took an active interest in public affairs, filling many of the township offices; he died in February, 1876, his widow following him in October of the same year. They were upright pioneer people and rendered valuable service in the development of Athens Township. Our subject married October 19, 1854, Adelia Fuller, born in 1835, in Lorain County, Ohio, daughter of Josiah E. (deceased), and Mary Fuller. By this union were born Alta, now Mrs. Harter; Alton P.; Amanda E., died February, 1882, aged twenty-one; Willie H.; Lyle L., deceased; Jessie, deceased; Birnez, deceased; Inez; and Ethel. Mr. Drake built the first permanent hotel at Little Cooley, opening it in 1857. It has been one of the most popular houses in western Pennsylvania. In 1883 he leased the hotel and retired from business. In 1861 Mr. Drake was appointed Postmaster at Little Cooley, which position he has filled almost ever since. He is a man of strict integrity, upright in his dealings and has filled nearly all the township offices. In politics is a Republican.

PHILO DRAKE, farmer, P. O. Little Cooley, was born in Athens Township, this county, May 1, 1842; son of James and Sallie (Marvin) Drake. He

married July 2, 1868, Adeline E. Hawkins. To this union were born the following children: Algenia, James and Friend W. Mr. Drake now occupies the old homestead of the family and has a farm of 165 acres of land. He is a reliable business man, holding independent views in politics, and is a citizen of much influence and usefulness in the community.

EBENEZER FELTON, deceased, came to Meadville, Penn., about 1805, adopting the profession of surveyor. In 1829 he bought land and cleared one of the first farms in Athens Township, this county, and, with James Drake, built and operated the first saw-mill, grist-mill and carding-machine in this township. Mr. Felton at one time was supposed to own 9,000 acres of real estate in this and adjoining counties. He established the fortunes of many of the early pioneers by allowing them to work for him and giving them land in exchange for their services. He was of a too generous disposition and others over-reached him in business transactions until he had finally to relinquish all his immense estate. He held various local offices, having been County Surveyor for twenty-five years. He never married. He died about 1850, at the residence of Eliva Barton, Meadville. Mr. Felton rendered invaluable services in developing Athens and surrounding portions of this county, and it is but just that his memory be preserved and that his name should go down to posterity.

GEORGE FLEEK, JR. (deceased) was born at Blooming Valley, this county, October 27, 1837, son of George Fleek, Sr. He married January 1, 1863, Ellen A. Woodside, born March 4, 1839, in Washington Township, Erie Co., Penn., daughter of John and Polly Woodside, of Washington Township, Erie Co., Penn., of which they were early settlers. Mrs. Woodside now resides in Rockdale Township, this county, aged seventy-eight. Mr. and Mrs. Fleek, after their marriage, located in Little Cooley, where he established a general merchandise business, and as he was a man of good business habits, he prospered and soon after opened a branch store at Miller's Station. He also dealt largely in real estate and became possessor of several extensive farms in this township. To Mr. and Mrs. Fleek were born Mrs. Mary E. Southworth, Mrs. Georgia M. Drake and Bernice A. Mr. Fleek, on January 18, 1879, was hurt by a falling tree while engaged in lumbering, and died from the effects of his injuries on the Wednesday following, January 22, in the forty-second year of his age. He was a kind husband and father, and an esteemed citizen. His widow, who has devoted herself to the interests of her family, giving them good advantages for musical and literary culture, is now residing on the pleasant homestead in Little Cooley, and is respected by the whole community.

JAMES C. GRAHAM, farmer and stock-dealer, P. O. Little Cooley, was born February 22, 1840, in Centreville, this county; son of Samuel Graham, born in Philadelphia, Penn., who came to Linesville, this county, in 1808 with his father, James Graham. They were of famous Scotch-Irish descent. Samuel Graham married Miss Hester Campbell April 15, 1820, at Warren, Penn. She was a descendant of an intelligent and influential family of Ithica, N. Y., who were noted for their valuable services in the cause of education. They settled in Centreville, this county, where Mr. Graham died October 18, 1841, leaving five children: Mrs. Mary Thomas, De Witt C., Mrs. Harriet A. Parker, John C. and James C. Mrs. Graham afterward married Samuel Symmonds, of Athens Township, this county, who died December 30, 1871. She now lives with her son, James C. Our subject attended the schools of Athens Township and a select school at Spartansburg till 1858. He then engaged in teaching, and obtained means to attend Waterford Academy two years. At the call of the Governor he enlisted with the emergency men for the defense of the State

in 1863. Returning home he entered upon a classical course in Allegheny College, Meadville, teaching between terms, and graduated with the degree of A. B. June 23, 1870. The college conferred the degree A. M. upon him in 1873. After serving as Principal of the acadamies at Linesville and Townville one year each, he was elected Superintendent of Public Schools of Crawford County, Penn., for the regular term of three years, on the first ballot, May 7, 1872, and was re-elected in 1875. He advocated many useful measures, among which were a graded course for common schools, and a change of the annual term. He filled the position with distinguished ability and retired with a highly honorable record. He then served two years as Principal of the union schools of Mercer, Penn., after which he retired to the farm and is now chiefly engaged in the rearing of stock and in its traffic. At the session of the State Teachers' Association held at Erie in 1877, he was elected a member of the Executive Committee, holding the position for that year. Mr. Graham has been engaged at intervals reading law under Hon. A. B. Richmond, of Meadville, and is now completing his studies with a view to practice.

ERASTUS W. HALL, farmer, P. O. Centreville, was born in Susquehanna County, Penn., April 8, 1828; son of Harmon and Prudence Hall, who came to this township in 1837. Here they cleared a farm and reared their children, six of whom are now living in this and Erie Counties. Our subject, who was brought up on his father's farm, was married June 30, 1849, to Harriet Shipman, by whom he has the following children: Mrs. Rose Hart, Mrs. Freelove Obert, Orrin E., Mrs. Viola Adams, Mrs. Lizzie Rogers, Frank and Harry. Mr. Hall enlisted during the late war, April, 1864, in the Twelfth Regiment Pennsylvania Volunteer Cavalry, served under Sheridan in the Virginia campaigns, and received an honorable discharge July, 1865. On his return he resumed farming, and by industry has acquired a comfortable home. He has taken a prominent part in the public affairs of his township, filling nearly all of its offices; he served as School Director nine years in all. Politically he is a stanch Republican.

HENRY HATCH, retired farmer, P. O. Centreville, was born April 30, 1803, in Whitehall, Washington Co., N. Y., where his parents, Elisha and Rebecca Hatch, both died. He came to this county in February, 1824, and settled in Athens Township in the following November. He married Mrs. Annie Thomas, in June, 1826, and by this union had the following children: Mrs. Chloe Post, Mrs. Caroline Adams and Solon. Mr. Hatch has been living on his present farm since 1827. He lost his wife by death April 12, 1872. She was a faithful, devoted wife and a kind mother. Her loss was mourned by a large circle of friends. Our subject was a Democrat until the Kansas controversy, and has supported the Republican party since its organization. He has led a temperate, upright life, and has always been just in his dealings with his fellow-men. He is now enjoying a calm and peaceful old age, living in the same house with his son, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Mr. Hatch is one of the heroic pioneer citizens whose indomitable energy conquered the perils of the wilderness and whose memory will be preserved by posterity.

SOLON HATCH, farmer, P. O. Centreville, son of Henry Hatch, whose biography appears above, was born February 9, 1831, in Athens Township, this county. Here he grew up, suffering all the disadvantages common to the lot of a pioneer boy, acquiring his education largely by private study and a course of reading. He was married November 3, 1861, to Louisa Gray, born January 1, 1846, daughter of John and Emilie Gray. To this union were born the following children, viz.: Mrs. Nellie Fosburgh, Mary Anna and Henry

Leroy. In March, 1864, Mr. Hatch enlisted in the Twelfth Regiment Pennsylvania Volunteer Cavalry, serving principally with Sheridan in the Virginia campaign. He participated in a number of severe engagements and was honorably discharged July 28, 1865. On his return he settled down to the life of a farmer. He has held most of the township offices, serving with credit to himself and giving satisfaction to the community. He is a friend of the cause of education. A member of the G. A. R. In politics he is a Republican.

JOHN A. HIMEBAUGH, merchant, Centreville, was born June 11, 1829, in Saegertown, this county; son of the pioneer, Jacob Himebaugh. He was married May 10, 1859, to Barbara Jane Campbell, born in Venango Township, this county, July 22, 1832, daughter of Thomas and Lydia (Siverling) Campbell, the former of whom, also a native of Venango Township, was a son of Thomas Campbell, Sr., who came from Westmoreland County, Penn., and settled in that township in very early times. Mr. and Mrs. Campbell had two children—John H. and Barbara Jane. Mr. Campbell died in 1835, his widow February 24, 1882. After their marriage Mr. and Mrs. Himebaugh lived in Venango Township until 1869, when they came to this township. They are now residing on the third farm they have owned here (on which they settled March, 1867,) comprising 200 acres of well-improved land. They have reared an intelligent family of six children: Thomas C., who studied law in the office of Curtis & Norton, in Erie, Penn., and was admitted to the bar at that place in 1880; William C., who graduated from Bellevue College with degree of M. D.; Jacob C., proprietor of lumber mill at Centreville, married to Mary Moran; Jennie; Anna; and Fred. For several years Mr. Himebaugh has been engaged in merchandising in Coleville and Aiken, in McKean County, Penn., and is now established in business at Clarendon, Warren Co., Penn., leaving the family to carry on the farm. He is a member of the K. of H. Mrs. Himebaugh is an adherent of the Congregational Church.

SQUIRE HUGH T. HUTCHISON, farmer, P. O. Little Cooley, was born January 30, 1836, in Athens Township, this county; son of Joseph Hutchison, who came from Northumberland County, Penn., with his father, Elder Hutchison, in very early times, and married Florence Thompson, of Columbiana County, Ohio, by whom he had seven children. Joseph Hutchison died in 1854, and our subject being the second child and eldest son of the family, assumed all the cares and responsibility of the same. He was educated at the district schools and married October 5, 1870, Helen M., daughter of Asahel and Rosina Hamilton, of Rockdale Township. They settled on the old family homestead, comprising 140 acres of finely improved land, which for a half century has been held by this family, descending from father to son and then to grandson. Squire Hutchison is a Democrat, politically. He has been very active in public affairs, satisfactorily filling nearly every office in the township, and for ten years acted as Justice of the Peace, with credit to himself and satisfaction to the people.

LEWIS C. JAMESON, farmer, P. O. Centreville, was born in Susquehanna County, Penn., 1832; son of Peter and Sophia (Cripps) Jameson, natives of England, who soon after marriage emigrated to America, settling in Pennsylvania. Our subject was brought up on his father's farm and received his education at the district schools. He was united in marriage, in 1853, with Permelia E. Kelley, a native of same county. In 1859 they came to this county, where they have since resided. They have a comfortable home, comprising fifty-five acres of well-improved land, acquired by industry and good management. Mrs. Jameson is a consistent member of the Baptist Church. Our subject is an energetic and successful farmer, and a useful citizen. In politics he is a Republican.

PHILANDER LANGDON, farmer, P. O. Centerville, was born October 27, 1821, at Phelps, Ontario Co., N. Y., son of James and Joanna Langdon, who moved to Chautauqua County, N. Y., when Philander was seven years of age, living there until 1841, when they came to Spring Township, this county, where Mrs. Langdon died in April, 1863, and Mr. Langdon in May, 1870. The subject of this sketch was married November 12, 1843, to Jane Doty, born November 12, 1826, in Allegany County, N. Y., daughter of Hiram and Abigail Doty, who settled in Spring Township, this county, when she was about five years old. The children born to this union are: Mrs. Abbie Vance, Mrs. Harriet Howard, Mrs. Sadie Dearmant, J. Franklin, Mrs. Addie Fish, W. Grant, and Eva (all now living), and five deceased, viz.: George W., Mrs. Helen Marsh, Mrs. Jeanette Merrill, Harlow C. and Viola. Mr. Langdon enlisted December 29, 1861, in Company H, One Hundred and Eleventh Regiment Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, serving in the Armies of Virginia and of the Potomac until April, 1863, when he received severe wounds in the battle of Chancellorsville. He was honorably discharged December 29, 1864. Mr. and Mrs. Langdon moved to their place on Oil Creek, this township, in 1868, and have here a fertile farm of seventy acres. Our subject is a member of the G. A. R. In politics he is a Republican.

CAPT. MATTHEW MERCHANT, farmer, P. O. Riceville, was born in this township, October 20, 1842; son of Luther and Margaret Merchant, who came from Allegheny County, N. Y., to this county, in 1830, and began developing their farm from the wilderness. They were parents of—Andalusia, who died here, aged seventeen; Luther, who died in Illinois; Alvin E., residing at Riceville, Penn.; and Matthew. The father of our subject, by a former marriage had three children, one of whom, Susan, now Mrs. Bartlett, resides in Riceville. He died in 1865, his widow surviving him until 1880. The subject of this sketch enlisted July 1, 1861, and served three years in the Tenth Pennsylvania Reserves; then re-enlisted in the One Hundred and Ninety-first Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, serving with distinction till the close of the war. He participated in over twenty of the memorable battles fought by the Army of the Potomac, of which his regiment formed a part, and received several slight wounds. On October 8, 1864, while in temporary command of the One Hundred and Ninety-first Regiment in front of Petersburg, he was severly wounded by a shell, having his horse killed under him, and he still suffers from the effects of the wound. Capt. Matthew Merchant was a brave soldier; enlisting as a private he came home Captain of his company. He was married November, 1865, to Anna Weller, by whom he has had the following children: Slater M.; Mertie, deceased; Reuben D.; and Irvie. He now resides on a part of the homestead farm. From 1867 to 1870 he engaged in mercantile business at Lincolnville. He takes an active part in the public affairs of his township, having held most of its offices; is now serving as School Director and Assessor of Athens Township. In politics he is a Republican.

HENRY L. MINIUM, druggist, Little Cooley, was born in Cambridge Township, this county, February 28, 1851; son of Jacob and Susan (Saeger) Minium, the former of whom died recently; the latter still lives in Venango Borough, this county. Our subject was reared on his father's farm, acquiring his education at the district schools. When eighteen years old he engaged with the Atlantic & Great Western Railroad Company (now the New York, Pennsylvania & Ohio), and while in their employ, by an unfortunate accident, he lost his left arm. He then obtained the position of agent and telegrapher for same road, at their office, Mill Village, Erie Co., Penn., and there he remained till the spring of 1883, when he resigned to accept the office of

Appraiser of Merchandise, Erie County. May 28, 1883, he purchased the only drug store in Little Cooley and is doing a prosperous business. He was married September 22, 1875, to Amanda F. Sherrod, of Mill Village. Mr. Minium is an enterprising young man of good business ability, respected by all.

JAMES DONALD MINNISS, farmer and attorney at law, P. O. Taylor's Stand, was born October 17, 1826, in Meadville, Penn.; son of John and Sarah Ann (Scowden) Minniss, natives of Susquehanna County, Penn., and who were early settlers of this county. John Minniss died about 1828, and his widow subsequently married Dr. Silas Taylor. She died November 15, 1883, in the ninety-second year of her age. Our subject has lived at his present home at Taylor's Stand since he was ten years of age. He married January 7, 1843, Miss Loduskie Drake, a native of Batavia, N. Y., born December 25, 1828, daughter of James and Sally Drake. Five children were the result of this union, viz.: Josephine, now Mrs. Chapman; Edna J., now Mrs. Wright; William Fulcher; Ernest J. and Gertrude G. Mr. Minniss takes a deep interest in the cause of education, and has given his family first-class advantages. At the February term of court, 1859, he was admitted to the bar of Crawford County, having held the office of Justice of the Peace for two terms previously. He has since divided his time between his profession and his farm. Mr. Minniss in politics, is a Republican.

JAMES H. ONGLEY, farmer, P. O. Little Cooley, was born at Newfield, N. Y., January 20, 1844, and came to this county with his father, John T. Ongley, in 1857, and to Athens Township in 1864. He married, May 8, 1864, Maria H. Pratt, born August 8, 1847, in Richmond Township, this county, daughter of David and Lydia Pratt. They immediately settled on the farm they now occupy, which they have cleared, improved and made into a comfortable home by their own labors. They are interested in the cause of education, giving good advantages to their children, whose names are: Orlando T., Archie B., Elva M. and Bertha A. Mr. Ongley is an industrious, reliable farmer; a Republican in politics. Both he and his wife are pious members of the Second Advent Church.

JOSHUA POST, farmer, P. O. Centreville, was born February 22, 1818, in Washington County, N. Y. He came to this county in 1830, with his parents, Samuel and Mary Post, who, after living a short time in Sparta and Rome Townships, settled in this township, where they cleared their farm and raised their family. They were parents of the following children: Stephen (deceased), Warren (deceased), Ezra (deceased), Joshua, Leonard, in Niagara County, New York, Samuel, Mary (deceased), Harvey, Mrs. Prudence Yarrington, in Iowa. Mrs. Post died May 20, 1847; Mr. Post died May 24, 1865. They were industrious, upright people, enjoying the respect of all who knew them. Our subject was married February 26, 1843, to Matilda Adams, born in Susquehanna County, Penn., in 1822. She came here in the winter of 1836–37 with her parents, Asa and Sibyl Adams. By this union were born Mrs. Emma I. Fish, Mrs. Hattie V. Hall, and eight others, most of whom died in early childhood. After their marriage Mr. and Mrs. Post settled down in Athens Township. They have here a fine farm of eighty acres of well-improved land. Mrs. Post is a member of the Congregational Church. Mr. Post is a Democrat in principles, but supports the best men.

OTIS S. RICE, merchant, Little Cooley, was born in Athens Township, adjoining Riceville, this county, January 18, 1851; son of Stephen and Clarissa (Follett) Rice. The former, a son of the pioneer, Samuel Rice, died

June, 1871; the latter now resides in Riceville. Our subject was married December 22, 1870, to Lucy D. Luce, born in Warren County, Penn., April 15, 1850, daughter of Shubael N. and Malinda Luce. By this union there is one son, Henry Melvin. Mr. Rice, in November, 1879, established in Little Cooley a dry goods, grocery and general merchandising business. His store occupies two large rooms. By thorough business principles and courtesy to his customers he has built up a prosperous trade. He is a member of the K. of H.

JAMES W. RICHARDS, farmer, P. O. Little Cooley, was born in 1830, in Vernon Township, this county; son of James Richards, who came from Ireland to this county in 1800, settling at Meadville, where he did some of the first work on the old Mercer pike. He married Ann Hutchison, a native of Susquehanna County, Penn., and seven of his children live in this county. He died in September, 1874. His widow is residing on the old homestead in Vernon Township. Our subject was raised on his father's farm, and attended the district schools. In 1855 he bought his farm in Athens Township; three years later he married Elizabeth, daughter of Michael Coy, of Blooming Valley. Mr. and Mrs. Richards have lived on this farm ever since. Both are firm believers in Christianity, and are liberal supporters of the church. Our subject is a man of strict integrity, wielding much influence for good in the community. He has ever been a Democrat in politics.

JOHN ROOT, farmer, P. O. Lincolnville, was born December 18, 1820, in Athens Township, this county. His father, Elihu Root, came here from Vermont in 1816, and took a 200-acre tract of donation land in Athens Township. He was married to Miss Polly Nichols, a native of Connecticut, but a resident of Richmond Township, this county. They died leaving eight children, four of whom are now living—John, George W., Mrs. Lucy Skiff and Mrs. Ruhanna Porter. Our subject received his education in the schools of those early times. He married Mary Jane Darrow, of Union Township, Erie County, Penn., November 20, 1845. They then settled on the farm where they now reside and have built up a comfortable home. Their children are—Melvin M., Mrs. Malona Jane Patterson, Mrs. Alice M. Gifford, Mrs. Mary C. Skiff, Edwin J. and Clara B. Mr. Root has been a life-long Republican. Is an adherent of the Second Advent Church. He is a man of upright character and strict integrity, highly esteemed by all.

PETER RUSSELL, farmer, P. O. Little Cooley, was born in 1822, in Broome County, N. Y., son of Stephen and Harriet Russell, who came to Crawford County, Penn., in 1836, locating in Randolph Township, but in 1853 moving to the State of Wisconsin, where they died. Our subject came to this county with his parents; married Sarah Jane Southwick, of Randolph Township, this county, July 4, 1844, and settled in Athens Township about 1852. Here he has acquired a farm of 230 acres, and operates a cheese-factory at Little Cooley. Mrs. Russell departed this life October 8, 1867, leaving four children—Ellen, a teacher, Mrs. Delilah Bunting, Edmund and Mrs. Alice Glenn. Mr. Russell subsequently married Lucinda Stoddard and they now live on their farm near Little Cooley. He is a successful business man, a supporter of the Greenback policy, and a firm believer in the doctrine of spiritualism.

OLIVER B. SCOTT, retired farmer, P. O. Riceville, was born May 25, 1808, in Jefferson County, N. Y., son of Oliver and Dorcas (Pryor) Scott, the former of whom was a native of Vermont, the latter of Connecticut. They were early settlers of New York State and never lived in Pennsylvania. Our subject came to this county in April, 1834, over fifty years ago. Here he mar-

ried, June 15, 1835, Elizabeth L. Saunders, born in Connecticut, March 9, 1815, daughter of Charles and Diana (Smedly) Saunders, who were among the early pioneers of this county and who both died here. After their marriage, Mr. and Mrs. Scott settled down on their farm in this township, and by indomitable energy and perseverance have cleared up their place and made a good home. Their children were—Norman, a soldier in Company I, Eighty-third Regiment Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, killed in the battle at Gaines' Mill, Va., June 27, 1862; Mrs. Martha P. Blood; Mrs. Lovina D. Glancy; and David Newman. Mr. and Mrs. Scott are industrious pioneer people and are now enjoying a quiet, peaceful old age, respected by the entire community.

DAVID N. SCOTT, farmer and shipper, P. O. Riceville, was born December 29, 1845, in Athens Township, this county, son of Oliver B. and Elizabeth L. (Saunders) Scott (see sketch above). During the late war he served three months in the infantry, then enlisted December, 1863, in Battery G, First Pennsylvania Volunteer Artillery, serving till the close of the war. He received an honorable discharge July 3, 1865. He was married March 3, 1866, to Lestine M. Carpenter and has had three children: Mabel L., Velma M. and Guy N. Mr. Scott is an energetic, enterprising business man. He is a F. & A. M.: a member of the G. A. R., and of the K. of H. In politics he is a Republican.

WARREN D. SHOTWELL, dealer in hardware, crockery, groceries, notions, etc., Little Cooley, was born October 5, 1835, in Otsego County, N. Y.; son of Phineas (of New Jersey) and Eliza (Cox) Shotwell, the former of whom died in 1874; the latter about 1881, in Iowa. Our subject came to this county in 1862. Here he married, September 24, 1863, Helen, daughter of William R. Rainey, of Richmond Township. They have two children: William R. and Ethel M. In 1875 Mr. Shotwell sold his farm and established his present business in Little Cooley. By strict attention to business and courteous treatment of his customers he has built up a large and prosperous trade with this community. Mr. Shotwell is a member of the I. O. O. F. and A. O. U. W. He is a man of generous impulse and is a useful citizen.

MARTIN SMITH, merchant, Little Cooley, was born May 12, 1828, in Blooming Valley, Woodcock Township, this county; son of Jeremiah Smith, who came here when eight years old, with his father, Ebenezer Smith, from Susquehanna County, Penn., who settled in Mead Township. He afterward married Catherine Ritenour, a distant relative of Gov. Ritenour, and settled in Woodcock Township. Our subject received his early education in this county. He spent the year 1845 in Connecticut, and on his return home he married Nancy Ann Wescoat, by whom he has the following children: Martha, afterward Mrs. Bloomfield, now deceased; Harriet, now Mrs. Smock; Miranda, now Mrs. Nichols; Losina; Orrie, now Mrs. Keith; Arthur E.; Minnie; and Earnest. The year following their marriage Mr. and Mrs. Smith came to this township, developing one of the first farms near Little Cooley, where they remained six years. They then went back to Blooming Valley, where he built the house known as the "Black Horse," which was burned down in 1857, and subsequently rebuilt by him on another lot, where it now stands. After keeping hotel and engaging in merchandising for some time there, Mr. Smith came to Little Cooley, and here, in 1875, established a grocery and general merchandise store. Mr. Smith is a generous, free-hearted man, enjoying the esteem of a large circle of friends.

SAMUEL SMITH, farmer, P. O. Little Cooley, was born June 19, 1839, in Mead Township, this county; son of Andrew Smith. Our subject came to Bloomfield Township, this county, with his parents, when three years of age

and there was reared, acquiring his education in the district school. About 1860 he purchased a farm just across the line in Athens Township, and has here a comfortable, well-improved place comprising fifty-two acres of land, which was cleared and reclaimed from the wilderness entirely by his own exertions. He was married January 10, 1878, to Harriet Langworthy. Mr. Smith is a man of strict integrity; is quite liberal in supporting churches and other enterprises for the public good. Politically he is a Democrat.

CLARK SOUTHWORTH, farmer, P. O. Riceville, was born in Chenango County, N. Y., in 1825; son of Hiram and Algina (Howard) Southworth, who moved to Erie County, Penn., in 1827, and came to this county, settling in Rome Township in 1839. Hiram Southworth was a useful citizen, active in public affairs, holding the office of Justice of the Peace in all twenty years —four terms, from 1847 to 1867. He departed this life in 1875 on his seventy-third birthday, his wife having preceded him in 1869. Six of their children grew to maturity, viz.: Clark; Abigail, afterward Mrs. Maynard (now deceased); Lee, in Steuben Township, this county; Bruce, in Centreville, Penn.; Avis E., now Mrs. Bishop, in Kansas; and Viola, now Mrs. Post, in Kansas. Our subject was married September, 1853, to Catherine, daughter of John C. and Catherine McGee. By this union are Lettie, now Mrs. Bryant, Freedom, Hiram, Henry, Grant, Lena, Lee and Huldah. Mr. and Mrs. Southworth first settled on a piece of land in Rome Township, this county, purchased by Mr. Southworth of Alfred Huidekoper, and paid for in teaching school at $16 per month. In 1865 they sold this farm and bought their present home near Riceville, this township, which by industry and good management they have developed into a fine farm of ninety acres. Our subject has led a temperate life, and is an earnest advocate of the principles of temperance. He is liberal both in views of religious and political affairs.

WILLIAM W. STRICKLAND, miller, P. O. Little Cooley, was born July 23, 1838, in Gainesville, Wyoming Co., N. Y.; son of William and Betsey Strickland, who located at Springfield, Erie Co., Penn., in 1849, and there died. The father was a native of England, where he served an apprenticeship at the miller's trade. After coming to America he operated several important mills in different portions of New York State and Pennsylvania, and also started the first flouring-mill at Tecumseh, Mich. Our subject was thoroughly instructed and trained by his father to the same business. He married, March 1, 1858, Mary J. Cross, of Girard Township, Erie Co., Penn., who died in 1868, leaving three daughters—Alice, now Mrs. Fullerton; Eva, now Mrs. Fleek, and Carrie, now Mrs. Scott. Mr. Strickland, January 24, 1869, next married Esta Webber, of Girard. By this union there are three children, viz.: Louie, Maud and Francis. Mr. Strickland first operated a mill at Mosiertown, this county, which burned in 1860. He then worked at his trade in this and adjoining counties until 1873, when he established his present mill at Little Cooley, rebuilding it entirely in 1880, and he has now a first-class custom and merchant mill of three run of stones, called "Fair Play Mills." Our subject thoroughly understands his business, and by strict honesty and courteous dealings with his customers has built up a large trade extending into several surrounding townships. He is liberal in his religious views and believes in the universal application of the "golden rule."

LEWIS R. VAN SICKLE, M. D., physician and surgeon, Little Cooley, was born in Harmony, Chautauqua Co., N. Y., January 4, 1859; son of Benjamin and Jane Van Sickle, who now reside in Warren County, Penn. Our subject received his literary education at the schools of his native county and in Sugar Grove, Penn. In 1878 he began the study of medicine with Dr.

H. J. Boyd, of Watts Flats, N. Y., graduating from Starling Medical College in the spring of 1880. He established himself in Little Cooley in the spring of 1882. The Doctor is a thoroughly educated and scientific physician. By his courteous treatment to all he is rapidly winning his way into popular favor as well as rising to the highest rank in his profession.

BEAVER TOWNSHIP.

WILLIAM BROUGHTON, farmer, P. O. Beaver Centre, was born in the town of Barre, Orleans Co., N. Y., July 22, 1818; son of Michael and Maryba (Lewis) Broughton, former a native of Rutland County, Vt. They were parents of two children. His first wife dying in 1820, Michael Broughton married, in 1827, Sallie Gillan, a native of Canada. In the fall of 1835 they came to this county, settling in Conneaut Township on a fifty-acre piece of woodland which he and his sons cleared up and converted into a farm. He was a stone-mason by trade. A member of the Methodist Episcopal Church. He died in the fall of 1859 leaving seven children out of a family of thirteen by his second wife, who is now living with her third husband, Lorenzo Hammond, in Ashtabula County, Ohio. She had six sons in the late war, one of whom died in a rebel prison and another of disease. She has been a consistent member of the Methodist Episcopal Church for over fifty years, although brought up a Quaker. Our subject came to this county with his father, and for thirty years worked chiefly at his trade of stone-mason. He assisted in constructing the locks on Erie Extension Canal. He was married February 18, 1842, to Hester Flowers, a native of Warsaw Township, N. Y., and daughter of Carl W. Flowers, who settled in this township in 1835; he was a soldier in the war of 1812; reared a family of six children, five now living. He and his wife were members of the Methodist Episcopal Church. She died in 1838 and he followed her in 1869. To our subject and wife have been born ten children, seven now living, viz: Lucy A., wife of L. W. Odell; Adda H., wife of James E. Fenner; Sarah E., wife of M. Young; Mary E., wife of F. Hicks; Villa M.; Tina J., wife of William Mathews; and Edith E. Mr. Broughton is owner of fifty acres of land. In politics he is a Republican.

GRELLETTE COREY, farmer and undertaker, P. O. Conneautville, was born August 7, 1825, in North Hampton Township, Montgomery (now Fulton) Co., N. Y.; son of William and Lucy (Williams) Corey, formerly residents of Mayfield Township, Montgomery (now Fulton) Co., N. Y., who came to this county in 1837, with four children, settling in Conneaut Township. William Corey was a farmer, carpenter, joiner and wheelwright, which trades he worked at the greater part of his time. He purchased 100 acres of woodland which he and his sons cleared up into a farm. He held several township offices. His wife's father owned three slaves until the Constitution or laws of New York State set at liberty all slaves in that State; but he kept one or two of them, paying them wages after they got their freedom. One, named Black George, remained with his employer till after the war of 1812. In that war Mr. Williams was pressed into service, but being a cripple, was returned home. William Corey died in 1875, his wife in 1864. They were parents of three sons and one daughter, all now living. Our subject, who is the eldest, took up the trade of carpenter. He was married in 1853 to Mary E., daughter of Gerden Kennedy, a native of Vermont; he moved to Gainesville, Wyoming

Co., N. Y., in 1812, and to Conneaut Township in 1833. To this union were born two children: Rose Ella, wife of B. Burns, and Lillian E., wife of F. W. Munger. Our subject moved to this township with his family in 1857, settling on the farm of sixty-two acres he now owns. Mr. Corey, in 1881, fell from the roof of a barn, twenty-six feet, breaking both arms, and is thereby crippled for life. He has held several township offices; is a member of the R. T. of T.; in politics is a Republican, formerly a Whig. His wife is a member of the Congregational Church.

WALTER R. DE GROODT, farmer, P. O. Conneautville, was born on the farm he now owns and lives on, in this township, June 24, 1849; son of Cornelius and Martiaett (Spaulding) De Groodt, former a native of Platt's Hollow, Madison Co., N. Y., latter of Middletown, Rutland Co., Vt. They came to this county with their eldest child in 1837, and settled in Spring Township, southeast of Springboro, where our subject manufactured brick for about two years; they then moved on a farm in this township, where our subject now resides. Here they cleared fifty acres of land and improved 100. They were parents of six children. Cornelius De Groodt died April 17, 1883; his widow is now living with her youngest son, Walter R. Our subject was married October 2, 1876, to Bessie De Maranville, a native of Kingsville, Ashtabula Co., Ohio. Mr. De Groodt is owner of 112 acres improved land, being his father's old homestead. He makes a specialty of breeding graded cattle and Southdown sheep. In politics he is Republican. His sister, Hattie, an experienced school teacher, who has taught thirty terms and is considered an expert at that profession, also resides with him.

LUTHER GATES, farmer, P. O. Beaver Centre, was born April 5, 1834, in Chautauqua County, N. Y., a son of Calvin and Caroline Gates, natives of New York State, who came to this county in 1836, settling in Beaver Centre, where they took up 200 acres of land. They were the parents of nine children—two died in infancy, five now living—viz.: Luther; Roderick M. (was a soldier in the Twenty-ninth Ohio Volunteer Infantry during the late war and died in hospital at Alexandria in 1863), Albert (was a member of the Sixteenth Wisconsin Regiment during same period and died in hospital at Pittsburg Landing), Ann C., wife of Asa N. Belknap; Emeline, wife of G. C. Cooper; Ora; and George H. The parents were members of the Christian Church. The father, who had held the office of Justice of the Peace and all township offices, died August, 1882. His widow is now residing with her son, Luther, in the seventy-fifth year of her age. Our subject received a good common school education, and taught school one term. He served three years in Second Pennsylvania Cavalry, 1861–1864; was married in 1854 to Mary West, a native of Erie County, Penn. The results of this union are three children: Ida, Florence, wife of Frank A. Boyce, and Ernest A. Mr. and Mrs. Gates are members of the Christian Church. Our subject owns 100 acres of land; is a member of the G. A. R. at Springboro; held several township offices; in politics he is a Republican. His paternal grandfather was a soldier in both the Revolutionary war and the war of 1812.

JAMES VICKERY, farmer and land surveyor, P. O. Conneautville, was born in Russia, Herkimer Co., N. Y., September 16, 1819; son of Asa and Polly Vickery, latter a native of Rensselaerville, N. Y. Asa Vickery, whose name indicates English origin, a native of Chatham, N. Y., was by profession a land surveyor, also a farmer. He served as Justice of the Peace for over thirty years, and was an Associate Judge of the County Court, one term; also a member of the Assembly, one term. He died January 14, 1857, aged sixty-five years; his widow March 7, 1884, at the age of eighty-seven. They were the parents of three children, two now living: Mrs. Mary Ann Gray and our subject.

Melissa died July 11, 1883, aged forty-eight. Mary Ann was second wife of Latham Gray, who died September 25, 1884, aged eighty-five years. Our subject, who is the only son, received his school training in Herkimer County, N. Y., and finished his education in Fairfield Academy, Herkimer County. On November 17, 1850, he was married to Louisa Rowland, born March 20, 1828, in Boonville, Oneida Co., N. Y. The results of this union are eight children, viz.: Mary M.; Ellen L.; Nettie A., wife of E. Folts; Tinnie, wife of Charles E. Harmon; Asa H., married Miss Ida Herriott, of North Shenango Township, this county; Julia E., wife of Lee S. Harmon; George H.; and Ida O. Our subject and wife came to this county in 1851, and resided for about four years in the northern part of Conneaut Township, and in 1855 moved to this township, where they settled finally on their present farm of about fifty-eight acres. Mr. Vickery has done much in the surveying of this section of the county, a profession he carries on in addition to farming pursuits. He has held several township offices. In politics he is a Republican.

E. A. WHITFORD, farmer, P. O. Springboro, was born in Ticonderoga, N. Y., May 19, 1824; son of Oliver and Phœbe Whitford; former a native of Ticonderoga, N. Y., latter of Massachusetts. Oliver Whitford was a soldier of the war of 1812, and was present at the battle of Plattsburg. His father, who was a native of Rhode Island, was a soldier of the Revolutionary war. Our subject's parents came to this county in October, 1836; resided in Spring Township one year, and then moved, in 1837, to this township. They had a family of eleven children, six now living. The mother died in January, 1864; the father in February, 1874. Our subject, who is seventh in the family, commenced working when seventeen years of age for a Mr. Sturtevant, remaining with him five years, during which time he earned fifty acres of wild land, where he now resides, in this township. Previous to this he drove horses on a canal in New York State. He was married Nov. 4, 1847, to Hester C. Boyce, a native of New York State and daughter of Joseph Boyce, who came to this county in 1836. To this union were born five children, four now living: Lestina, wife of L. F. Cornell; Chancy; Della, wife of Thomas McFeeters; and Wayne. Mr. Whitford owns 200 acres of improved land. He enlisted August 27, 1864, in the Third Pennsylvania Heavy Artillery, attached to the Army of the Potomac. He was placed on one occasion sentry over Jeff Davis and his Secretary, Clay; he was honorably discharged June 16, 1865. He is a member of the G. A. R. at Springboro, has served as Justice of the Peace for twenty years and Constable two years. In politics he is a Republican.

JAMES WILLIAMS, farmer, P. O. Conneautville, was born February 4, 1830, in Darien, Genesee Co., N. Y., eldest child of Frederick and Abby (Jenks) Williams. He was married December 12, 1850, to Mary E. Christie, born December 25, 1828, in this county, and daughter of Andrew and Mary (Meyler) Christie. Her father was born in this county, his father having been one of the first settlers in this section. Her mother's parents were Welsh, and came to this county when the mother was a girl. Our subject and wife are parents of six children, viz: Ira, married to Miss Ella Hide; Clara P., wife of N. P. Spencer; Mina, wife of Douglas Dewitt; Thorp; James G.; and Lizzie. There are seven grandchildren, six of whom are boys. Mr. Williams is owner of 200 acres of land. In addition to agriculture he pays considerable attention to the raising of fine graded stock, both horses and cattle, and he is a noted expert at training cattle and horses. He has held several township offices; in politics is a Republican. In their religious views the family are liberal, not fettered with creeds or sectarianism, believing the best doctrine is to do good to all mankind, the lowly in particular.

BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP.

HENRY M. BATCHELDER, lumberman and proprietor of saw-mill, P. O. Lincolnville, is a native of Vermont, born February 16, 1835; son of Sylvester C. and Sarah Batchelder, who came to this county in 1847, and are now residing in Richmond Township. Our subject was married September 26, 1858, to Sallie Jane Alexander, by whom he has two children: Mrs. Emma Buchannon and Emmett. Mr. Batchelder is a successful business man; has been engaged in the lumber trade seventeen years this fall (1884) and now owns a saw-mill at Lincolnville and one in Troy Township, this county.

SYLVESTER SYLVANUS BISBE, farmer, P. O. Union City, was born June 28, 1846, in Union City, Erie Co., Penn.; son of Reuben (deceased) and Naoma Bisbe. He was reared and educated in Bloomfield Township, this county, to which his parents had moved in 1849. He was united in marriage July 5, 1869, with Fannie C., daughter of Joseph Bacon, by whom he has the following named children—Clarence Eugene, Florina Maud, Fred Leverne, Jessie Pearl and Merna Cora. Mr. and Mrs. Bisbe have been industrious and successful in life, acquiring since their marriage a fine farm of 200 acres of well-improved land, part of which was the old family homestead. Our subject takes great interest in the cause of education and has given his family good advantages. In politics he supports the Republican party.

FREEMAN BLAKESLEE, P. O. Bloomfield, was born in 1818 in this township; son of Elkanah Blakeslee, who came from Genesee County, N. Y., about 1817, having previously been married to Cynthia Edson, of Vermont. Here he took up 400 acres of land, which he cleared and developed into a farm. After rearing a family of four boys and two girls he died in 1874, his wife having preceded him in 1871. Our subject was united in marriage March, 1857, with Mary Ann Woodward, a native of Chester County, Penn., and purchased the farm they now occupy, comprising 200 acres of well-improved land. By this union were born the following named children: Mrs. Cynthia Jane Emerson, Eveline, Elmira and Mary E. (deceased). Mr. Blakeslee is liberal in his political views, supporting the men and measures which he believes secure the best interests of the people. He is a friend of the cause of education. He and his wife are members of the Baptist Church.

NORMAN HUDSON BLANCHARD, merchant, Bloomfield, was born in Sparta Township, this county, September 1, 1855, son of Francis R. and Sophronia Blanchard, now residents of Rockdale Township. Our subject was reared on his father's farm, acquiring his education in the district schools. He married December 23, 1874, Media B. Cushing, of Sherman, N. Y. By this union there are two children: Gary and Inez. The family lived on the farm until June, 1881, when Mr. Blanchard bought out Henry Thomas, at Shreve's Ridge. He carries a stock of general merchandise, is a reliable, enterprising business man, and by courtesy and fair dealing has built up a large and prosperous trade with the surrounding community. In politics he is a Republican.

JULIUS N. BROWN, farmer, Lincolnville, was born in Rockdale Township, this county, January 16, 1828, grandson of Jesse Brown, who came from Vermont in 1814, founded the settlement and postoffice at Brown Hill, and who

died leaving two sons: Lucius, a resident of that place, and George A., married to Mary, daughter of Bozilla Shreve, who was also an early settler. They lived upright, useful lives, and died leaving a family of seven boys and three girls, of whom Julius N. is the eldest. Our subject was twice married, on the first occasion in 1850 to Sarah A. Woodward, by whom he had seven children, four now living: Nelson, Ira, Franklin and Mrs. Elizabeth Jackson. Mrs. Brown departed this life September 30, 1867, honored and respected by all. He subsequently married Elmira Rhodes, and they had five children, only Andrew and Grant surviving. Mr. Brown is an industrious, successful farmer and keeps his place, on which he has first-class improvements, in good condition.

GEORGE M. COLE, M. D., physician and surgeon, Lincolnville, was born in Woodcock Township, this county, May 19, 1853, son of Matthias and Eliza J. Cole, now residents of Richmond Township, this county. Our subject was reared on his father's farm, acquiring his literary education in the district schools and at the academy in Blooming Valley. He began the study of medicine at Meadville, Penn., in 1876. He was married December 11, 1879, to Virene A. Vunk, of Edinboro, Penn., and June 7, 1881, graduated with degree of M. D. at the Eclectic Medical College, Cincinnati, Ohio. To Dr. Cole and wife have been born two children: Francis C. (deceased) and Edith Blanche. The Doctor settled in Lincolnville in 1881, and has already built up a large and lucrative practice, as he is a well skilled and scientific physician.

BARNET BUSHNEL CUMMINGS (deceased) was born in 1817 in Centreville, this county; son of Cornelius and Minerva (Baxter) Cummings. Having lost his mother when he was but five years of age, and his father, who was a pioneer and the first Postmaster of Centreville, Penn., when he was fifteen years old, our subject was brought up in the family of David Winton, Esq. He was married, August 16, 1840, to Lydia H. Carter, born March 14, 1822, near Syracuse, N. Y., daughter of Thomas and Abi (Hotchkiss) Carter. By this union were twelve children, six growing to maturity, viz: Ella A., Barnet Bushnel (who died in 1880 aged thirty-one), Winfield S., Thomas Carter, Mrs. Carrie Davidson and Lizzie W. Mrs. Cummings' parents came to this county and lived at Centreville from 1839 to 1841, then returned to their farm in Cattaraugus County, N. Y., subsequently moving to Oberlin, Ohio, where the mother died December 31, 1864. The father afterward married Mrs. Abigail Hinman, his deceased wife's sister, who in a few years also died. Mr. Carter has three sons living: Ladwick, of Randolph, N. Y., Franklin, of Oberlin, Ohio, and Lafayette, of Chicago, Ill., and one daughter, with whom he is residing, enjoying the comforts of an honored old age. Mr. Cummings, our subject, was born in Centreville, moved to Riceville and there established a hotel and was appointed the first Postmaster. In 1857 he was elected Register and Recorder of this county on the Republican ticket. After filling this office with ability he served one term as Deputy Sheriff; in 1865 he returned to Riceville with his family and again took charge of the hotel. April 26, 1872, Mr. Cummings fractured his right leg by falling from a load of hay and died from the effects of his injuries May 9. He was a man of generous impulses and high honor, and his loss was deeply lamented. His widow, who is a lady of exalted character, enjoying the respect of her neighbors, still keeps the hotel on the family homestead. She is a member of the Unitarian Church of Meadville.

THOMAS L. DOBBINS, farmer and Justice of the Peace, P. O. Lincolnville, was born in Washington County, N. Y., January 17, 1841; son of

Joseph and Martha Dobbins, the latter of whom died in 1879. Joseph Dobbins, now aged eighty-three, is still living on the old homestead. Our subject was principally educated in the home schools; at sixteen years of age he went to Minnesota and there engaged in lumbering and farming, and also went to school. During the late Rebellion he enlisted, September 28, 1861, in the Second Regiment, Minnesota Volunteer Infantry, serving in the Army of the Cumberland. After his discharge, May 20, 1862, he returned to his native county; then attended school two terms at Union Village and there re-enlisted, December 28, 1863, in the Sixteenth Regiment, New York Heavy Artillery, and followed the fortunes of his regiment, participating in several engagements in Virginia. He received a severe wound in the left leg (from the effects of which he nearly lost his life) in front of Petersburg, Va., September 19, 1864, and was honorably discharged May 19, 1865. Mr. Dobbins came to this county in 1866 and was here married, July 3, 1868, to Nancy A., daughter of John Hamilton, of this township. They have two sons: Harry L. and Frank P. Squire Dobbins is a Republican in politics. He has filled the offices of Clerk three years, Auditor nine years, Inspector of Elections one year and School Director three years. He was elected Justice of the Peace in February, 1882. He belongs to various local societies, takes a prominent part in every beneficial enterprise and has given the highest satisfaction in all the various offices he has filled.

WARD K. ELDERKIN, M. D., Riceville, was born in Columbus, Penn., July 27, 1855; son of D. W. and Lois (King) Elderkin, natives of New York State, who located in Columbus, Penn., in 1851, and in 1857 moved to Spartansburg, this county, where they are now residing. Our subject attended the home schools until he was seventeen years of age, then went to Cleveland, Ohio, and engaged in the laboratory of R. C. and C. S. Clark, where he remained until 1877, when he matriculated in the Eclectic Medical Institute of Cincinnati, graduating with the degree of M. D. in 1881. After following his profession one year at Bear Lake, Penn., he located in Riceville, this county, in 1882. The Doctor was married July 6, 1876, to Mary E. Shute, of Cleveland, Ohio, by whom he has one daughter, Diamonda S. Dr. Elderkin is a well-educated man, thoroughly skilled in his chosen profession, and enjoys the respect and confidence of the citizens, as well as of his professional brethren.

ALBA S. GEER, merchant, Lincolnville, was born in Bloomfield Township, this county, December 20, 1837; son of Alphonso and Mary (Phillips) Geer, natives of Wells, Vt., and Whitehall, N. Y., respectively. They lived in this county from 1823 to 1853, then went to Olmsted County, Minn., where they died. Our subject was married January 1, 1854, to Celestia Moses, by whom he has seven children: Alba S., Noble, H., Mrs. Rose Carter, D. Eugene, Mary C., Josephine and Welcome. Mr. Geer followed agricultural pursuits for several years. He moved to Minnesota in 1855, remaining there till 1861, when he returned to his native township. In March, 1880, he purchased a lot in Lincolnville, erecting a fine, commodious store, and establishing a general merchandize business, which he is still carrying on, and by his courtesy and fair dealing has won the confidence and respect of the whole community.

WALTER R. and SAMUEL M. LINDSAY, tinsmiths, Riceville, are natives of Mercer County, Penn.; sons of Robert and Adeline Lindsay, natives of Venango County, Penn., who were parents of six children who grew to maturity, and of their family Finley was killed at the battle of Fredericksburg, Va.; Samuel, a soldier of the Eighty-third Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry,

was wounded at the second battle of Bull Run, and was honorably discharged on account of same. He came to Riceville in 1866, where he still resides. Walter R. Lindsay learned the trade of tinsmith at Meadville, Penn., and settled in Riceville in 1862. He was married April 11, 1867, to Mary A., daughter of John H. and Mary (Brown) Dickson, of Blooming Valley. By this union were born Mabel E., Letillia E. and Wayne (deceased). The subjects of this sketch, upright, enterprising business men, have always been active in public affairs, holding all the official positions in their borough.

MOSES MAINE, farmer, P. O. Union City, Erie County, was born in the State of Ohio, April 14, 1819. His parents, Nathan and Rebecca Maine, were natives of New England, and settled in the western part of this county about 1820, and there Moses was brought up on the farm. In 1843 our subject came to Bloomfield Township, this county, and began clearing up the farm he had bought of Dr. Edward Ellis, which now comprises 130 acres of well-improved land. He was married January 21, 1856, to Mary, daughter of Ryland Kennedy and widow of Roswell Hodge, by whom she had two daughters—Emily and Frances Hodge. By her union with Mr. Maine she has eight children: Mrs. Elizabeth Lewis, Mrs. Lucy Choate, Estella, Mrs. Hannah Edwards, Charles, Bessie, Harry and Nancy. Mr. Maine has been actively engaged in the development and improvement of his township. He and his worthy wife are members of the Free-Will Baptist Church. In politics he is a Republican.

CYRUS C. MARSH, farmer, P. O. Union City, Erie County, was born in Humphrey, Cattaraugus Co., N. Y., November 28, 1830, son of Danforth and Minerva Marsh, who both died in New York. They were parents of seven sons and two daughters, now prosperous citizens scattered all over the country from New York to Nebraska. Five of the sons served in the Union Army during the late Rebellion, all returning home safely. Our subject came to Bloomfield Township, this county, in 1853; was married July 25, 1855, to Fannie A. Wescott, of Chautauqua County, N. Y., and has the following-named children: George Danforth, Rush Duane, Fred Carter. In 1856 Mr. and Mrs. Marsh settled on their present farm, and by their industry have acquired an estate consisting of 300 acres of well-improved land. They are consistent members of the United Brethren Church, and are interested in the cause of education, and in all efforts conducive to the mental and moral growth of the community. Mr. Marsh is a Republican in politics; has held various local and township offices. During the late war he enlisted, February 29, 1864, in the Sixteenth Regiment Pennsylvania Volunteer Cavalry, and served in the Army of the Potomac under Gen. P. H. Sheridan. He participated in eighteen different engagements, and was honorably discharged August 11, 1865, with the rank of Sergeant.

ISAAC MILLER, farmer, Bloomfield, was born June 1, 1806, in the Township of Rockdale, this county, in a house which stood near the present residence of Daniel Kelley, a little northwest of the center of the township. He is a son of George and Barbara Ann Miller, the former of whom came to this county in 1792 to explore, and settled here in 1794. He boated provisions in a canoe from Pittsburgh for ten years. The subject of this sketch received such advantages as the schools of that time afforded, and managed to become pretty well acquainted with arithmetic, reading and writing. In the fall of 1827 he was married to Patience Allee, eldest daughter of John Allee, Esq. About this time his father deeded to him, in fee simple, eighty acres of timber land, in consideration of the sum of $160. Aside from being owner of this land, and being possessed with energy and health, he had neither money nor goods movable. He easily obtained credit for such things

as were absolutely necessary for housekeeping, erected a log-house, into whic he moved, and then commenced clearing the land, and engaged in the lumber business. In a few years he was free from debt, had considerable personal property, and owned 400 acres of land. He afterward sold all but 177 acres, 146 of which he put in an arable condition. He erected substantial buildings upon this land, the brick dwelling-house now standing a short distance from Miller's Station. Mr. Miller here held several offices of public trust and responsibility, in the administration of the affairs of which offices the strictest integrity always characterized his course. He secured the postoffice at Miller's Station (named in his honor), and was the first Postmaster in the township. He exerted himself in the promotion of every plan calculated to improve his neighborhood, not only substantially in the opening of highways, but in the erection of churches, schoolhouses, etc. In 1865, after living in one place for almost sixty years, Mr. Miller sold his estate and moved to Saegertown, where he purchased a farm and built a fine dwelling-house. In 1871 he disposed of this property, and the ensuing year moved to Chautauqua County, N. Y., where he remained until the spring of 1875, when he returned to this county, having previously purchased land and erected handsome buildings. Mr. Miller and his estimable wife, who is now almost seventy-five years old, are, at the time of this writing (1884), in the enjoyment of moderately good health. They are both firm believers in the great truths of Christianity from a careful investigation of its evidence. At an early age they united with the Baptist Church from conviction of its excellence. Their principles have been those of its true members—enlarged and tolerant. There have been born to them ten children, eight of whom are now living. Their births are as follows: John A., May 19, 1829; Nancy A., May 30, 1831; William A., November 1, 1833; George W., March 16, 1836; Judson H., August 4, 1838; Harrison C., November 15, 1840; Almira L., August 11, 1843; Parker E., March 3, 1846; Josiah V., June 30, 1848; Sidney R., November 1, 1851.

WILLIAM H. MORTON, farmer, P. O. Chapinville, was born in Bloomfield Township, this county, October 28, 1840, son of Darius and Prudence Morton, who came here from Allegany County, N. Y., about 1838. Darius Morton departed this life in 1853. His widow resides with her son. Our subject enlisted January 17, 1864, in the Sixteenth Pennsylvania Volunteer Cavalry and served in the Army of the Potomac. He participated in many of the hard fought battles of eastern and central Virginia, and was discharged August 23, 1865, with the rank of Corporal. He then returned to this township and followed the occupation of cooper in various surrounding towns. He was married March 19, 1870, to Minerva Lee, and has one son, Roscoe B. Mr. Morton is an industrious and prosperous farmer. He settled on his present place in 1874. He has held different local and township offices. In politics he is a Republican.

JAMES B. PAIGE, farmer, P. O. Lincolnville, was born May 6, 1842, in Wyoming County, N. Y., son of Isaac W. and Hannah (Torrey) Paige. After the death of his wife, May 6, 1870, Mr. Paige came here and lived with his son, James B., until his death, which occurred October 1, 1881. During the late Rebellion our subject enlisted October 9, 1861, in the Ninth Regiment New York Volunteer Cavalry and served in the Army of the Potomac. He received a severe wound, a ball passing entirely through his body at Cedar Creek, Va., October 19, 1864. He made a brilliant record as a brave and faithful soldier, and was mustered out with an honorable discharge July, 1865. After the war Mr. Paige came to this township, and February 14, 1869, married Cynthia A. Potter. Their children are: Lavinia D. and Marvin J.

Mr. Paige by industry has acquired an estate comprising about 270 acres of well-improved land. He has filled various local and township offices; takes great interest in the cause of education. In politics he is a stanch Republican.

CHARLES PARKIN, JR., farmer, P. O. Lincolnville, was born July 15, 1830, in Ripley, Derbyshire, England, son of Charles Parkin, Sr., who married Mary Turton. She died in 1847, and in 1848 he came to America, following the occupation of a collier in different counties of this State. After living in Perry County, Ind., from 1862 to 1870, he came to Bloomfield Township, Crawford County, where he now resides. Our subject, who had previously worked in several counties of Pennsylvania, Virginia and Ohio, went to Perry County, Ind., and was married there December 10, 1851, to Ann Scott. By this union there are seven children: Marianna, Charles Benjamin, John William, Joseph Edmund, Hamilton, Elizabeth Alice and Albert Henry. Mr. Parkin after his marriage superintended and operated coal mines in Perry County, Ind., and in Kentucky until 1875, when he moved on his present farm in this township, which he had previously purchased. He has been industrious and very successful in life, and has accumulated 275 acres of well-improved land. He has reared an intelligent family and is recognized as a useful citizen by the community. In politics he is a Republican.

DR. CHARLES PAYNE was born in Whitby, Ontario, December 10, 1844; son of Charles and Jane C. (Whitney)Payne. He received a classical education at the Whitby Grammar School. At the age of eighteen he began the study of medicine, first under his uncle, Henry Payne, F. R. C. S. E., in Sheffield, England, and attended one course of medical lectures. Returned to this country in the spring of 1864, and entered the Second Corps Hospital, Army of the Potomac, where he remained until the close of the war in 1865. He then continued the study of medicine four years with Dr. Theodore B. Lashells, of Meadville, Penn., and attended two courses of medical lectures at the University of Wooster, Cleveland, Ohio, from which he graduated in 1869. He located in Riceville, Penn., March, 1869, immediately after graduating. The Doctor was married July 10, 1877, to Miss Vella N. Markham. He has been most successful in his profession, having built up a large and lucrative practice, and won the respect and confidence of the entire community.

WILLIAM PORTER, farmer and postmaster, Chapinville, was born in 1822 in County Down, Ireland, son of John and Bell Porter. He immigrated to America and to Lawrence County, Penn., in 1841, purchasing the place he now occupies in Bloomfield Township, this county, in 1844. He was married in 1845 to Mary Porter, of Lawrence County, Penn., and in the spring of 1847 brought his wife to his farm in this township, and immediately set to work clearing and beautifying their home. Besides their own children—John W. and Mrs. Margaret A. Bennett—Mr. and Mrs. Porter have reared in their family, John G. and Jennie N., children of John K. Porter, brother of our subject. The Chapinville Postoffice being established in 1855, Mr. Porter was appointed Postmaster, and still holds his commission. Mr. Porter and entire family are members of the Presbyterian Church.

SETH POUND, farmer, P. O. Lincolnville, was born in Erie County, N. Y., October 17, 1832; son of Joseph and Rachel Pound, who were early settlers of that county, the former of whom died there in 1867; the latter resides on the old family homestead, aged seventy-nine years. Of their twelve children, ten are now living. Our subject has been twice married; on first occasion June 1, 1852, to Maria Cox, who died June 2, 1856, leaving one son—John. Mr. Pound then married, January 16, 1859, Elizabeth Cox, and by this

union has one daughter—Mrs. Dora Loomis. He settled in Bloomfield Township, this county, in 1862, and by industry and good management has built up a comfortable farm property. He and his wife are members of the United Brethren Church, of which he is a Trustee and class leader. In 1863, while in camp at Pittsburgh and on his way to the seat of war, Mr. Pound met with an accident, whereby he lost a part of two fingers of the right hand, which resulted in his being honorably discharged from the service. He has been a life-long Republican.

HON. ROBERT M. RANGE, farmer, P. O. Lincolnville, was born in Rockdale Township, this county, February 13, 1847, a descendant of John Range, one of the Aides-de-Camp of Gen. Wolfe at Quebec, also a First Lieutenant during the Revolutionary war, and an uncle to President John Tyler, and whose son, our subject's grandfather, also a John Range, cousin of President Tyler, was a soldier during the war of 1812, and with whom he graduated at Baltimore, Md.—the first frontier settler of Forest County, Penn. He was father of James L. Range, who was born in Venango, Penn. Married Jane McKay, of Erie County, by whom he had eleven children, Robert M. being the sixth. He died August 24, 1880; his widow now lives at Dayton, Washington Territory. Our subject was married March 19, 1871, to Josephine Teeple, who has borne him one son—Wayne L. Mr. Range is a Republican in politics; he was appointed County Appraiser of Merchandise in 1878; was an officer in the House of Representatives during the Legislative session of 1881; acted as President of the Oil Creek Valley Agricultural Association—1882–83—and is now the Crawford County member of the Republican State Central Committee. Although yet a young man, Mr. Range is rapidly pushing his way to the front as a representative of the intelligence and enterprise of Crawford County.

WILLIAM ROSSELL, farmer, P. O. Union City, Erie County, was born on the farm he now lives on in this township, October 5, 1829; son of William Rossell, who was born in 1781, a soldier of the war of 1812, came from New Jersey to west Pennsylvania about 1800, and here married Charlotte Reynolds, residing near Titusville. After living at various places in Erie County, Penn., along Oil Creek (where he followed lumbering for several years), they finally purchased the farm in Bloomfield Township, this county, where Mrs. Rossell died in 1837 and Mr. Rossell in 1865. They reared a family of eight children, three now living: Mrs. Elizabeth Shreve, Mrs. Susan Warner and William. Our subject was reared and educated here and helped his father clear up the farm. He was married October 5, 1851, to Maria, daughter of Joshua and Nancy Negus, by whom he has three children: Hamlet Elwood, Charlotte E. and Bertha Mabel. Mr. Rossell has bought all the family homestead and adjoining land, comprising, in all, 336 acres of well-improved land. The second frame barn built in this township, which was erected by his father, is on this farm and still in use. Mrs. Rossell is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church. Mr. Rossell is a Republican in politics; has been School Director nine years, Auditor nine years, Supervisor two years, Assessor one year, and is now serving as School Director of his township. He has given great satisfaction in all the various offices he has filled.

REV. CYRUS SHREVE, Bloomfield. No better representative of the Christian characters of Crawford County can be found than the reverend gentleman whose name heads this brief biography. He was born July 23, 1825, in Bloomfield Township, this county; son of Israel and Elizabeth (Bloomfield) Shreve, direct descendants of the pioneers, Richard Shreve and Thomas Bloomfield, whose characteristics are mentioned elsewhere. Our sub-

ject united with the Baptist Church at the age of twenty-five years, and studied theology. He was ordained at Bloomfield in 1853. January 1, 1856, he married Miss Florella Nourse, a daughter of William and Ruth (Robbins) Nourse. She was born October 22, 1822, in Londonderry, Windham Co., Vt., and removed with her parents in 1854 to Cataraugus County, N. Y. To this union were born four children, two of whom survive, viz.: Milton W. and Owen M Both were graduated from the Lewisburg University in the class of 1884. Elder Shreve has held various charges in this and Venango Counties with success always attending his labors. He is a member and one of the organizers of the Pennsylvania Baptist Ministers' Union, and is a theologian of broad and comprehensive views. In Rev. Cyrus Shreve we find a marked instance of a self-made man, talented, energetic and careful, educated by his own energies and perseverance; sociable and affable in his intercourse with all. The good that he has done will only be known in that day when the secrets of all hearts shall be revealed.

DARIUS SHREVE, farmer, P. O. Bloomfield, was born December 25, 1833, in this township; son of Israel and Elizabeth Shreve, who were among the earliest citizens of Bloomfield Township. Our subject married, June 3, 1862, Almira M. Miller, who has borne him four children—Elvia L., Emery A., Lendell D. and Myrtie P. After their marriage they settled on the old homestead of the Shreve family, where they still reside and have a fine farm consisting of ninety acres of well-improved land. They are both members of the Baptist Church. Mr. Shreve is a supporter of Republican principles but always votes for the best man. He was prominent during the late Rebellion in raising recruits and supplies for the service. Mr. Shreve has held most of the offices of Bloomfield Township, always discharging his duties with credit to himself and satisfaction of the people.

JULIUS H. SHREVE, farmer and presser of hay, P. O. Lincolnville, was born September 13, 1845, in Bloomfield Township, this county; son of Valentine and Jane Sophia (Carroll) Shreve, the former of whom, a son of William Shreve, died here about 1868; his widow is still living on the old homestead. Our subject was married in this county, October 6, 1868, to Isadore Warner, born in Girard, Erie Co., April 28, 1850, daughter of Henry and Sophia Warner. By this union were born two children—Ned V. and Edith Blanche. The occupation of Mr. Shreve has been chiefly farming; he now owns 150 acres of well improved land at the head of Oil Creek Lake. Is a Republican in politics; and an A. F. & A. M. He has for four years satisfactorily filled the office of Township Constable.

JOSEPH SMITH, farmer, P. O. Lincolnville, was born in Mead Township, this county, November 19, 1824, son of Andrew Smith, a native of New Jersey, who came to Crawford County when a small boy, and in the course of time married Martha, daughter of Jacob Loper; settled in Bloomfield Township in 1838, and here died April 12, 1882. His widow survives him and lives on the homestead. They were parents of the following named children: Joseph, Israel, Mrs. Hannah Buchannon, David, Samuel, Mrs. Lucinda Fosburgh, Daniel, Hiram, and Angeline Kelly, the youngest daughter. The subject of this sketch was married December 14, 1848, to Emeline Loomis, born in Vermont, October 31, 1828, daughter of Jonathan and Margaret Loomis, who were early settlers of this township. Mrs. Smith came here in 1836. To Mr. and Mrs. Smith have been born Nathan, of Colorado; Jacob, of Spring Creek, Warren Co., Penn.; Oscar; Mrs. Caroline Ongley; and Mrs. Sabroy Collins, of Erie County, Penn. Mr. Smith was a soldier in the One Hundred and Sixty-ninth Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, and is now drawing a pen-

sion for the heart disease which he contracted while in the army. He is a Republican in politics. Has served as School Director three terms. The family are all members of the United Brethren Church, of which Mr. Smith has been Trustee for five years.

JAMES SMITH, farmer, P. O. Lincolnville, was born in Woodcock Township, this county, March 18, 1825; son of James and Catherine Smith. Our subject has been twice married, on first occasion, March 11, 1850, to Hannah Wescoat, by whom he had three children, viz.: Mrs Beulah Smelzer, Sylvester Henry, and Mrs Florence Kingsley. His wife dying December 13, 1859, Mr. Smith married, April 12, 1860, Susannah Holliday, born in Beaver County, Penn., February 22, 1837, daughter of Harvey and Sarah Holliday, now residing in Athens Township, this county. The children born to this union are as follows: James, Sarah, George, Blanche, Pearl, Albert and Melissa. Mr. Smith served as a soldier, during the late war, in the One Hundred and Sixty-ninth Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, from November, 1862, to July, 1863. He is an upright man with independent political views and by hard work and economy has acquired a comfortable home.

ALEXANDER SMITH, farmer, P. O. Lincolnville, was born in Woodcock Township, this county, September 10, 1828. His father, James Smith, a soldier of the war of 1812, came to this county from New Jersey about 1800. He married Catherine, daughter of Jacob Loper, a pioneer, and had sixteen children, twelve of whom are now living. They were an upright pioneer people. James Smith departed this life in 1876, aged eighty-six; his wife preceded him in 1848. They left an influential family to mourn their memory. Our subject was married January 26, 1862, to Rachel A. Bunce. During the late war he enlisted, October 18, 1862, in the One Hundred and Sixty-ninth Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry; served at Yorktown, Va., and was honorably discharged July 26, 1863. Starting out in life entirely dependent on their own resources, Mr. and Mrs. Smith accumulated a fine property. Mrs. Smith died September 28, 1869, leaving five children: Willie A., Frank L., Carrie V., Charles A., and Valentine. Mr. Smith afterward married Mrs. Martella A., widow of Jeremiah Bunce. By this union were born Vessie M. Scott, Walter, and Ethel. Mr. Smith has filled various township offices. In politics he is a Republican.

MILES W. SPENCER, farmer, P. O. Chapinville, was born in Wayne Township, Erie Co., Penn., January 22, 1842, son of William O. and Lucretia (Drake) Spencer, natives of the same county, who settled in Rockdale Township, this county, in 1852, where the former died May 5, 1859. His widow subsequently married Cyrus Avery, and still resides in that township. After the death of his father, the care of the family mainly devolved on our subject, the second child and oldest son, and he faithfully discharged his duty. He married, October 3, 1858, Adeline, daughter of Seth and Clarissa Sturgis, natives of Connecticut, and very early settlers of this township. By this union were born Hattie D., George W., Clara B., Walter M. and Nellie N. (deceased). Since their marriage Mr. and Mrs. Spencer have lived in this township with the exception of two years spent in Rockdale Township, one year at Corry, Erie County, and the winter of 1882, during which Mr. Spencer kept a general provision store at Mill Village, Erie County. Mr. Spencer, who is an energetic, enterprising business man, has principally engaged in buying and shipping stock. He purchased the Sturgis homestead farm, on which he has built a handsome residence, and added many other valuable improvements. He is very much interested in the culture and improvement of live stock, and has on his place some valuable fine blooded animals.

W. B. TAYLOR, farmer, P. O. Lincolnville, was born in Otsego County, N. Y., October 6, 1830; son of Charles and Polly (Thornton) Taylor, who came to Erie County, Penn., in 1845. They were parents of the following named children: Charles W., of Michigan, was a soldier in the Union Army during the late war; Washington D., who died in his country's service at City Point, Va., August 28, 1864; Mrs. Jane Young (deceased); Daniel A., of Galena, Ill.; William B.; John H., shot by guerrillas in Missouri, July 28, 1862; and Oliver J., who died in his country's service after the battle of Chancellorsville, January 2, 1863. Mrs. Taylor departed this life May 19, 1854. Mr. Taylor subsequently married again and now lives in Oceana County, Mich. Our subject obtained his education mainly by private study while farming and lumbering, and early engaged in teaching. In 1847 he ran, on the Clarion River, the first engine used for manufacturing lumber in Pennsylvania. He was married July 3, 1853, to Exana G. Chapin, born in Smyrna, N. Y., September 16, 1834, daughter of John Chapin, of this township, and has the following named children: Jared T., Mrs. Delana G. Sill, Clement C., Oliver H. and Alma J. Mr. Taylor, besides managing his large farm, has also extensively engaged in settling decedents' estates. He is a Republican in politics and has always held firm temperance principles.

CAMBRIDGE TOWNSHIP.

HENRY ALLEN, farmer, P. O. Cambridgeboro, a native of the County of Kent, England, was born September 2, 1806; son of James and Elizabeth (Fuggle) Allen, who settled in what is now Cambridge Township, this county, in 1824. They located on the farm on which Mr. William Masters now resides, and cleared most of it. They had thirteen children: Charles, William, Mary, Eliza, Ann, Henry, Henry (second), Jane, Matilda and Thomas; three others died in infancy. Our subject was married August 30, 1833, to Mary, daughter of John I. and Elizabeth (Huston) Humes, of Woodcock Township, this county. By this union there were ten children, viz.: James J., Matilda J., John O., Oscar E., Mary J. (deceased), Parnell E. (deceased), Henry C., Adelaide L., Homer W. and Alma J. Of these, James J. married Martha J. Agee, in Dakota; Matilda J. married James Hawthorne, in Cambridge Township, this county; Henry C. married Maggie I. Klein, also in Cambridge Township; Adelaide L. married Amos Willey in Bloomfield Township; Homer W. lives in Montana; Alma J. married Francis Glover in Bloomfield Township; John O. and Oscar E. reside with their parents. Mr. Allen has lived fifty years on his farm, most of which he cleared himself. He has been Supervisor and School Director of his township. In politics he is a Democrat. His wife has been a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church fifty-seven years.

LYMAN H. ALLEN, farmer, P. O. Cambridgeboro, was born in Albany, N. Y., October 15, 1821; son of Charles and Phila (Webster) Allen, who settled in what is now Cambridge Township, this county, in 1822. Charles Allen was a native of England; son of James and Elizabeth (Fuggle) Allen, the latter of whom located in this township, in 1824. Our subject was married, June 26, 1846 to Hannah, daughter of James and Sarah (Ashman) Kelly, of Rockdale, Township of this county. By this union there are six children: Celestia L., wife of George Herrick, in Salamanca, N. Y.; Sarah E., wife of Uriah Fink,

in Cambridgeboro; Emma C., wife of George Webster of Rockdale Township, this county; Esther S., wife of Dr. Dwight Gray, in Cambridgeboro; Charles O., married to Rosa Watson, and lives on the homestead with his father; Milo R. L., married to Ida Fox, in Salamanca, N. Y. In 1854 Mr. Allen settled on his present farm, which he cleared himself. He and his wife are adherents of the Presbyterian Church. He is a member of the Cambridge Grange. In politics he is a Republican.

FREDERICK J. ALLEN, farmer, P. O. Cambridgeboro, was born in Cambridge Township, this county, July 16, 1824; son of Charles and Phila (Webster) Allen, who settled in Cambridge Township in 1824. The former was a native of England, the latter of Albany, N. Y. They were parents of five children: Eliza A. (deceased), Lyman H., Frederick J., Sally M. (deceased) and Rachel E. Our subject was united in marriage November 13, 1851, with Sophronia M., daughter of William and Annis Shattuck Arbuckle, and has had four children: Alarene C. (deceased), Berkley W. (deceased), Annis F. and Carrie S. Mr. Allen resides on the farm where he was born and where his father first settled and which he cleared. He and his family are members of the Presbyterian Church. In politics he is a Republican.

BRADFORD W. AMES, farmer, P. O. Cambridgeboro, was born in what is now Cambridge Township, this county, October 20, 1837, son of Willard and Emily (Marcy) Ames; the former a son of Amos and Roby (Andress) Ames, who came from Massachusetts and settled in this township in 1813. They were parents of seven children: Elizabeth, Isaac, Asaph, Laura, David, Willard and Anna. Willard and Emily Ames had ten children, viz.: Amos M., Emily C., Esther A., Esther A. (second), Jemima M., Joseph W., Laura A., Bradford W., Joseph C. and an infant not named. Our subject was married October 20, 1863, to Amanda, daughter of Seth and Abigail (Lester) Calkins. The issue of this union is three children: Ellis H. and Ella C. (twins) and Bradford W., Jr. Mr. Ames resides on the old homestead settled by his grandfather in 1813. He has held nearly every office in the gift of his township; in politics is independent. He and his wife are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

TIMOTHY L. BARBER, attorney at law and auctioneer, Cambridgeboro, was born in Chautauqua County, N. Y., June 20, 1835; son of Chauncey and Keziah (Green) Barber. His father died when he was but four months old. In 1837 his mother moved to Girard, Erie Co., Penn., and resided there till 1847, when she settled in Rockdale Township, this county, where she resided till her death, which occurred in 1875. Our subject was educated at the common school and located in Cambridgeboro in 1854, and learned the shoe-maker's trade, which was his principal business up to 1872, when he began to practice law, in which he is still engaged. Besides attending to his profession he is doing an extensive business as auctioneer, having been licensed in 1879, and is considered A, No. 1 in this line. He was married, June 20, 1859, to Mary, daughter of Samuel and Maria Peters, early settlers of Cussewago Township, this county. By this union there are two children: Eva and Clara D. Mr. Barber has held several offices in Cambridgeboro. He is a member of the Knights of Honor. In politics he is a Democrat.

JACOB S. BAUGHER, farmer, P. O. Woodcock, was born in Chautauqua County, N. Y., January 4, 1816; son of John and Esther (Stoupt) Baugher, who settled in this township in 1819; the latter was a daughter of Jacob Stoupt and of German descent. John Baugher, who was a son of Henry Baugher, a native of Germany and one of the first settlers in Cambridge Township, coming here in 1800, was parent of following children: Mary,

Jacob S., David, Michael, Margaret, Emily J., Nancy, Isabella, Laura J. and Samuel. Our subject was married, March 10, 1842, to Lucy A., daughter of George and Christena (Null) Heile, of Lebanon County, Penn. By this union there were the following children: Charles L., married to Lucy Wood, in Richmond Township; Melissa, deceased; David T., married to Sophia Humes, in Rockdale Township; George A., married to Parnell Humes, in Richmond Township; John S., married to Eveline Lang, in Woodcock Township; Helen, deceased; James O., married Olive Winings, in Cambridge Township; L. Warren, married to Effie Hemstreet, in Cambridge Township; and Martha A., wife of Wilber Shaffer, resides in Woodcock. Mr. Baugher lives on a part of the farm settled by his grandfather in 1800. He and his wife are members of the Methodist Church. He has been Supervisor and School Director of his township. In politics is a Democrat.

CALVIN W. BEECH, contractor and builder, Cambridgeboro, was born in this township, July 29, 1843; son of Orestes and Ruth (Dodge) Beech, the former born in what is now Cambridge Township, this county, son of Anon Beech, who came from Windsor, Mass., and settled here in 1810. The father of Mrs. Beech was also an early settler of Cambridge Township. Orestes Beech was parent of ten children, eight now living, viz.: Orville, married to Maria Simmons, in Cambridge Township, this county; Edwin, married to Kate Roberts, in Washington Township, Erie Co., Penn.; Huldah, wife of Avery Swan, of Nodaway County, Mo.; Calvin W.; Scribner, married to Tilly Burdich, in Nodaway County, Mo.; Washington, married to Elda Snow, also in Nodaway County, Mo.; Albert and Amos. Our subject was married March 18, 1869, to Margaret M., daughter of Liberty and Catherine (Shaffer) Leonard, of this township, by whom he has had four children: Nellie, Ida, Clarence (deceased) and Freddie (deceased). Mr. Beech located in Cambridgeboro in 1869 and engaged in contracting and building, which occupation he still follows. Mr. and Mrs. Beech are adherents of the Presbyterian Church. He is a member of the K. of H. In politics he is a Republican.

DARIUS D. BIRCHARD (deceased), whose portrait appears in this work, was born September 21, 1804, in Berkshire County, Mass.; son of James and Lucy (Gillett) Birchard, natives of Berkshire County, Mass. They were the parents of fourteen children, ten of whom grew up and came to Crawford County, viz.: James K., Virgil, Lucy, Hannorah S., Worthy, Lydia O., Darius D., Cyrus, Levi G. and Adeline F. The parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Birchard, came to what is now Cambridge Township, this county, in 1813, and here died, the father in 1852, the mother in 1847; they were worthy members of the Presbyterian Church. Our subject attended the county schools and was brought up on a farm. He was married October 20, 1830, to Caroline Parker, born May 10, 1810, daughter of Joel and Abigail (Hart) Parker, natives of Connecticut, who settled in Ashtabula County, Ohio, where they died. They were parents of nine children, viz.: Lola, Moses A., Joel, Abigail, Caroline, Hannah, Levi, Harriet N., and one who died when an infant. Her parents were members of the Congregational Church. She was educated in the country schools and taught two terms. Soon after marriage our subject and wife settled on the farm now owned by their son, Dwight D., which they carried on until 1864, and then settled in Cambridgeboro, this county, where they erected a fine dwelling. Here Darius died in 1871. To our subject and wife were born nine children, viz.: Dwight D., Philena C., Sabia A., James, Henry C., Lola M., Francis P., Ledru R. and Edward L. C. Mr. Birchard was an adherent of the Presbyterian Church, with which organization his widow, who survives him, is also connected.

ALONZO D. BIRCHARD, physician, Cambridgeboro, was born in Vernon Township, this county, February 28, 1836, son of Levi G. and Elizabeth (Gross) Birchard, and grandson of James Birchard, who settled in what is now Cambridge Township, this county, in 1813. Our subject was reared on a farm and received his early education at the common schools. He afterward attended select schools at Cambridgeboro and Meadville, Penn., and in 1860 was a student at Allegheny College, Meadville. In 1861 he began the study of medicine with Dr. William J. Gamble, of Mosiertown, Penn., where he remained three years. In 1864 he received his diploma from the Bellevue Hospital Medical College, New York, and began the practice of his profession with Dr. Gamble, of Mosiertown, the same year, remaining with him two years. In 1866 he located in Cambridgeboro, where he has since been in active practice. He was married December 15, 1864, to Hannah F., daughter of John W. and Lodeika (Rockwell) McFadden, early settlers of Cambridge Township, this county, and by this union there are five children: George G., Clarence C., Bessie B., Alonzo D., Jr. and Louisa A. Dr. Birchard and wife are members of the Presbyterian Church. He is a member of the K. of H. and the A. O. U. W.

EDWARD L. BIRCHARD, druggist and jeweler, Cambridgeboro, was born in Cambridge Township, this county, February 3, 1852, son of Darius D. and Caroline (Parker) Birchard. Darius D., son of James Birchard, was one of the ten children who came with their parents from Becket, Mass., and settled in what is now Cambridge Township, this county, in 1813. Edward L. Birchard, our subject, learned the jeweler's trade at Warren, Ohio, going there in 1873. In 1875 he opened a jewelry store in Geneva, Ohio, where he remained till 1876, when he came to Cambridge and engaged in the same business here. In 1883 he bought the drug business of A. K. Fever, which he is carrying on in connection with his jewelry trade. He is a member of the Masonic order, Lodge 473, of Cambridge, and is Treasurer, Collector and a member of the Council. In politics he is a Republican.

PETER CATLING, farmer, P. O. Cambridgeboro, was born in the County of Suffolk, England, February 20, 1826; son of John and Mary (Page) Catling, of that locality. He came to America in 1853, and located in Wayne Township, Erie County, where he resided eight years, and in 1861 settled in Rockdale Township, this county. Here he lived until 1869, when he moved to Cambridge Township, where he now resides. He was married November 16, 1848, to Margaret, daughter of Edward and Elizabeth (Jones) Edwards, of North Wales. By this union there are three children: Mary, born in England, wife of Sylvester Mitchell (they reside in this township); Jane A., wife of Andrew Frisbie, in LeBoeuff, Erie Co., Penn.; Edward J., married to Virginia Anderson (they reside on the home farm with his father). Mr. and Mrs. Catling are members of the Christian Church at McLallen's Corners, Erie County. He is now serving his fourth term as Auditor of his Township. In politics he is a Democrat.

CHARLES F. CHAMBERLAIN, late County Superintendent Schools, Cambridgeboro, was born in Strongsville, Cuyahoga Co., Ohio, March 5, 1844; son of Uriah T. and Sarah (Sanborn) Chamberlain, who settled in Conneaut Township in 1853. Uriah T. was a son of Deacon Isaac and Amy (Benton) Chamberlain, the former an extensive farmer in central New York State; one of the leaders in the temperance reform, and at the time of its first agitation he kept a prominent hotel, which was the first, and for a long time the only temperance house known in that region. His wife, a relative of Hon. Thomas Benton, was of Puritanic origin, whose ancestors came over in the "May-

flower," and several relics of that historic voyage are still preserved in the family as heirlooms. Uriah T. graduated from Oberlin College in 1838; was ordained and installed as pastor of the Congregational Church of Fitchville, Ohio, the same year. His last pastorate was with the Congregational Church at Hartford, Trumbull Co., Ohio, where he preached regularly one-half the time till the last Sabbath in October, 1878, at which time his health failing, he was obliged to discontinue his labors. He died at the residence of his son, in Cambridge, January 10, 1880, in his seventy-first year; his widow survives him at the age of seventy-five and resides with her son, Charles F. They had seven children: Mary F. (deceased), Isaac D., now in Nebraska, Ebenezer B., New York; Charles F.; Sarah S., married to C. S. Carr, in Michigan; Uriah T. Jr. (deceased) and George A. (deceased). Our subject married, December 4, 1870, Flora, daughter of Deacon Seth and Irene (Smith) Waid, of Randolph Township, this county. They have one child, Anna L. Mr. Chamberlain has been a prominent resident of Cambridgeboro since 1875. He began teaching in the common schools at the age of seventeen. He was teacher in the public school at Riceville three years, beginning in 1864; in 1867–68 he was Principal of the graded school at Mosiertown, and in 1869 went to Hydetown, where he was Principal of the graded school six consecutive years. In 1875 our subject came to Cambridgeboro, and was Principal of the high school three years; in 1878 he was elected Superintendent of the common schools of this county, and is now serving his second term. He is Chairman of the Executive Committee of the Pennsylvania State Teachers' Association; in 1876 was associated with D. P. Robbins, M. D., in the publication of the Cambridge *Index*. Our subject and wife are members of the Congregational Church. In politics he is a Republican. He has always been an active worker in the cause of temperance, and for two years was President of the Cambridgeboro Christian Temperance Union. Since the above was written our subject, on June 1, 1884, closed his second term of office as Superintendent of the schools of Crawford County, and in July following moved with his family to Humboldt, Richardson Co., Neb., having been previously elected to the position of Superintendent and Principal of the schools of that city, and since his arrival there he has been unanimously elected President of the Teachers' Association of Richardson County for the ensuing year.

RICHARD D. CROSLEY, mason, Cambridgeboro, was born in Collins, Steuben Co., N. Y., November 5, 1825; son of Moses and Catherine (Ayers) Crosley, who settled in Hayfield Township, this county, in 1834. Only four of the eleven children born to them are now living: James in Cortland County, N. Y., Edwin, in Illinois, Moses, in Hayfield Township, this county, and Richard D., who resided in Hayfield Township, this county, till he was twenty-five years of age. He learned his trade at Conneautville, and in 1858 located in Cambridge, where he has lived ever since. Our subject has been twice married; on the first occasion, December 29, 1860, to Mary L., daughter of Samuel St. John, of Washington Township, Erie Co., Penn., by whom there were two children: Mary C., wife of Derastus Closson, of Cussewago Township, this county, and Miles R. His second marriage, May 30, 1875, was with Martha Collins, a native of Delaware, of German descent, and a daughter of Samuel H. and Eliza R. (Cole) Collins, of South Carolina. Mr. Crosley has been a School Director of Hayfield, and has held other minor offices. In politics he is a Republican.

JACKSON DOCTOR, farmer, P. O. Cambridgeboro, was born in Cambridge Township, this county, October 25, 1840; son of James and Mary (Humes) Doctor, the former a son of Leonard and Elizabeth (Humes) Doctor,

who settled in what is now Cambridge Township, this county, in 1800. Leonard was a son of George Doctor, who was a native of Germany. Elizabeth, the wife of Leonard, was a native of Lycoming County, Penn., and of Irish parentage. Mary, the wife of James Doctor, was a daughter of Archibald Humes, who settled here in 1797. Of the twelve children born to James Doctor, nine are now living, viz: John D., Margaret, Elizabeth, Rebecca, Sarah J., James L., Jackson, Leonard J. and Joseph M. Our subject was married September 19, 1871, to Agnes, daughter of James and Ann (Hutchison) Richard, of Vernon Township. By this union are two children: Estella and Emma. Mr. Doctor has been Judge of Elections, School Director, and has held many other offices in his township. In politics he is a Democrat.

WILLIAM L. DOW, millwright, Drake's Mills, was born in Springfield, Mass., June 8, 1818; son of Asa and Anna (Little) Dow, all of whom located in Cambridge Township, this county, in 1838. Mr. Dow learned the trade of millwright after coming here and has followed that business ever since. He was married, January 8, 1844, to Betsy, daughter of Jonathan and Lydia (Pressy) Reynolds, early settlers of Erie County. By this union there are two daughters: Lydia, wife of Alton Thompson (have three children: Clyde, William and Earl), and Lina, wife of William Nason (have two children: Edgar G. and Maud). Both daughters reside in Cambridge Township, and Mr. Dow has lived in the vicinity of Drake's Mills ever since he settled in the county.

IRAD C. DRAKE, merchant, Cambridgeboro, was born in Cranesville, Erie Co., Penn., November 27, 1849, son of Henry A. and Lucina (Sherwood) Drake. Henry A. was a son of Francis and Demis (Kelsey) Drake, of Stockbridge, Mass., and Francis was a son of William Drake, a native of England, who came to Massachusetts in his youth and lived and died there. Lucina, the wife of Henry A. Drake, was a daughter of John Sherwood, who settled in Washington Township, Erie Co., Penn., in 1816. Irad C. Drake, our subject, located in Cambridge in 1877 and engaged in the clothing and gents' furnishing goods business, which he has carried on successfully to the present time. He was married, May 8, 1883, to Emma L., daughter of Isaac B. and Maria (Mossinger) Gerow, of Cambridge Township, this county. Mr. Drake and wife are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church. He is a member of the I. O. O. F., E. A. U., and A. O. U. W.

EUGENE DRAKE, farmer, P. O. Cambridgeboro, was born in Union City, Erie Co., Penn., August 12, 1852, son of Henry A. and Lucina M. (Sherwood) Drake. He settled in Cambridge Township in 1867, and was married January 1, 1877, to Ida, daughter of Zadok and Elizabeth (Waterhouse) Rhodes, who settled in what is now Cambridge Township in 1835. By this union there are two children: Zadiee A. and Allen E. Mr. Drake has resided on his farm since 1877.

JAMES R. DURHAM, farmer, P. O. Cambridgeboro, was born in Rockdale Township, Crawford Co., Penn., July 24, 1816, son of James and Moor (Fullerton) Durham, who settled in Crawford County in 1797, the former a native of Delaware, the latter a daughter of Thomas Fullerton, an early settler of this county. They were parents of nine children: Hannah, Sally, Polly, Betsey, James R., Mary Ann, Jane, Hazard P. and Angeline. James Durham, Sr., was one of the first settlers on French Creek, Rockdale Township, this county, where he cleared a farm; he also cleared eleven acres on what is now known as Water Street, in the city of Meadville, Penn. He died in 1865, aged eighty-six. Our subject has always resided in Rockdale and Cambridge Townships, and has been principally engaged in farming. He was married

April 17, 1838, to Lavina, daughter of Pilgrim and Rebecca (Alford) Isherwood, who were early settlers of Rockdale Township, this county. By this union were born Rebecca J. (deceased); Amy L., wife of Truman Hendryx, of Elkhart, Ind.; Polly E. (deceased); Rose E., wife of Dr. Robbins, Erie, Penn.; Francenie E. (deceased); Lena E., wife of Andrew McElheney, Franklin, Penn.; Fayette M. (deceased); Addie H., wife of Henry Dowler, residing with her parents; Phebe E., wife of Sherod Chapin, Cambridge Township; Kate M., wife of Fredric Chapin, Clarendon, Penn.; Sylvia A., wife of Charles Quilliam, Clarendon, Penn.; Wilson S., Rockdale Township; Hattie A.; John C. Mr. Durham and wife are members of the Baptist Church. He has been Supervisor and Treasurer of his township for several terms. In politics is a Democrat.

GLENN I. FOLSOM, merchant, Cambridgeboro, was born May 3, 1857; was the first white male child to see the light of day in Glencoe, McLeod Co., Minn., now a city of 8,000 inhabitants. He is a son of John and Mary J. (Smith) Folsom, former a native of New Hampshire, and a pioneer of Minnesota, latter a native of Erie County, Penn. John Folsom was a son of John W. Folsom, of New Hampshire. Mrs. Folsom was a daughter of John W. and Parmelia M. (Fuller) Smith, who were natives of Essex County, N. Y. They were parents of three children: Watson A. (deceased), Glenn I., and Edith E. (deceased), wife of John McKee. Our subject was married December 9, 1880, to Edna T., daughter of Frederick A. and Tryphosa (Snow) Nichols, by whom he has one child—Donald B. Mrs. Folsom's mother was a daughter of Ralph and Thankful (Snow) Snow, who came from Becket, Berkshire Co., Mass., and settled in what is now Cambridge Township in 1816. Mr. Folsom has been in business in Cambridgeboro since the fall of 1882, and owns an interest in the Grange store. He is a F. & A. M., a member of the I. O. O. F., and E. A. U. In politics he is a Republican.

JAMES W. FORD, merchant, Cambridgeboro, was born in Woodcock, this county, July 31, 1852, son of William and Mary A. (Stone) Ford, the former a son of James Ford, who was a son of Peter Ford, all early settlers of Woodcock Township, this county; the latter a daughter of Winette Stone, who, with her father, was also an early settler of that township. James W. Ford, our subject, was married April 2, 1877, to Anna Burns, of Genesee, N. Y. They have three children: Hattie M., Howard W. and Blanche. Mr. Ford located in Cambridgeboro in the spring of 1883, and, in company with his brother, Henry O., embarked in the grocery and boot and shoe trade, in which they are engaged at the present time. He is a member of the I. O. O. F., and the A. O. U. W.

OLIVER A. GAGE, farmer, P. O. Cambridgeboro, was born in Waterford Township, Erie Co., Penn., November 1, 1819, son of Richard and Clara (Alford) Gage, who came from Addison County, Vt., and located in Erie County, Penn., in 1816, removing to what is now Cambridge Township, this county, in 1820. Here they located on the farm (which they cleared) now owned by Henry Klie. In 1838 they settled on the farm now owned by our subject, most of which they cleared. Richard Gage died in March, 1869, in his eighty-fourth year. His wife died April 7, 1865, aged seventy-four. They were parents of twelve children: Peter A., in Cambridge; Aurelia, wife of William Mitchell (both deceased); Cyrus (deceased), Stephen (deceased); Caroline, wife of Timothy Butler, Nebraska; Walter R. (deceased); Oliver A.; Harriet, wife of Daniel Smith (both deceased); Rebecca (deceased); Nelson (deceased); Orange, residing in Kansas, and Julia Ann, wife of A. M. Edwards, residing in Titusville, Crawford Co., Penn. Oliver A. Gage has been twice

married; on first occasion, January 1, 1847, to Mary, daughter of Eliud and Polly (Williamson) Greaves, of Vermont, by whom he had six children: Clara, wife of Laban A. Tucker, of Cambridge Township (have one child—Walter); James, married Eliza Greaves, of Cambridge (have two children: Mary A. and George R.); George (deceased); Adelia (deceased); Stephen and Alvin (deceased). Our subject's second marriage, February 1, 1883, was with Augusta, daughter of William and Minerva (Hamlin) Sharp, of Warren, Penn., by whom he had one child—Mary E., born August 10, 1884. Mr. Gage is a member of the Cambridge Grange. In politics he was formerly a Republican, but is now independent.

ISAAC B. GEROW, farmer, P. O. Cambridgeboro, was born in Oil Creek Township, this county, October 11, 1829, son of Gilbert A. and Jeannette (Titus) Gerow. Gilbert A. Gerow, a hatter by trade, was a native of Orange County, N. Y., and settled in Oil Creek Township, this county, in 1814, where he passed the greater part of his life, though the last ten years were spent in Troy, N. Y., where he died in 1844, aged sixty-four years. His wife, born in Lancaster, Penn., was a daughter of Daniel Titus, one of the first settlers in Oil Creek Township, where he located in 1796. Our subject was married April 15, 1849, to Maria, daughter of Andrew Mossinger, of Mead Township, this county. By this union were eight children: John, married to Catherine Peck (they live in Warren County, Penn.); Gilbert, deceased; Daniel, deceased; Daniel T., married to Lillie Hyde; Marvin, now in Montana; Henry and Obed, deceased and Emma L., wife of I. C. Drake, of Cambridge. Daniel T. was a graduate of the normal school, Edinboro, Penn.; studied law two years with W. R. Bole, of Meadville, and was admitted to the bar. He is now the principal agent of the Standard Oil Company at Jacksonville, Fla. Isaac B. Gerow spent the first five years of his married life in Venango County, Penn. Afterward lived three years in Riceville, this county, engaging in the lumber business. He then returned to Venango County and manufactured lumber for twenty-two years. In 1870 he purchased the farm in Cambridge Township where he has since resided. He has held the office of County Commissioner one term; Auditor of his township six years, and many other minor offices. He is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church; in politics a Republican. Among the many adventures Mr. Gerow experienced in the early days, may be recorded the following: In the summer of 1854 a lynx or catamount inhabited the woods surrounding Mr. Gerow's residence in Venango Township, and became the terror of the neighborhood. On Christmas day of that year our subject and five others went in pursuit of the lynx, taking a fox hound with them which soon got on the scent and drove the brute to cover under some tree tops lying in a deep hollow. Mr. Gerow, managing to get a fair aim at his lynxship, fired and killed him. The animal measured five and a half feet from tip to tip.

DANIEL GEROW, farmer, P. O. Cambridgeboro, was born in Oil Creek Township, this county, June 5, 1831, son of Gilbert and Jeannette (Titus) Gerow. (See sketch of I. B. Gerow.) Our subject, who was reared on a farm, when fourteen years old went to Venango County, Penn., and there engaged in farming and lumbering until he was thirty-six years of age. During the late Rebellion he enlisted September 8, 1862, in Company D, Eighteenth Pennsylvania Cavalry, and was in the battles of Winchester, Cedar Creek, Hagerstown, Falling Water, and many other engagements. After serving three years he was honorably discharged June 12, 1865. In 1868 he settled on the farm where he now resides, in this township. Mr. Gerow was married November 13, 1856, to Emily L., daughter of Aspinwall and Frances Cornwall,

of Allegheny Township, Venango Co., Penn. By this union were born eight children, four now living, viz.: Herbert A., Cecil E., Charles C. and Lizzie D. Our subject and wife are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church. He has served several terms as School Director of his township and one term as Supervisor. In politics he is a Republican. Mr. Gerow is a F. & A. M. and a member of the G. A. R.

JAMES K. HAWTHORN, farmer, P. O. Cambridgeboro, was born in Sugar Creek Township, Venango Co., Penn., December 23, 1828, son of John D. and Sarah (Cousins) Hawthorn. John D. was a son of Delano Hawthorn, one of the first settlers of the State of Illinois; his wife was a daughter of William Cousins, a native of England and one of the first settlers of Venango County, Penn. Our subject settled in Cambridge Township, this county, in 1865. He was married January 1, 1862, to Matilda, daughter of Henry and Mary (Humes) Allen, of Cambridge Township, this county, the former of whom was a native of England, and settled in Cambridge Township in 1824; the latter was a daughter of John Humes, an early settler of Woodcock Township, this County. By this union there were six children, viz.: Abner, William, Boone, Mary (deceased), James and Bertha. Mr. Hawthorn and wife are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church. He has been Supervisor and School Director of his township. In politics he was formerly a Democrat, but is now a Prohibitionist.

ALONZO HERRICK, farmer, P. O. Cambridgeboro, was born in Berkshire County, Mass., June 2, 1818, son of Ezra and Nancy (Ward) Herrick, who in 1836 settled on the farm in Cambridge Township now owned by O. E. Kingsley, which they cleared and improved. They subsequently moved to Cranesville, Erie Co., Penn., and there died. They were parents of eight children, viz.: Almira (deceased), wife of James Sargent, of Massachusetts; William, residing in Erie County, Penn., was married twice, his first wife being Betsy Robbins, his second Angeline Durham; Alonzo, our subject; Eunice, wife of Darius Rockwell, in Cambridge Township, this county; Nathan, married to Julia Goodenough, in Cranesville; Olive, wife of Harvey Hilliger, in Wisconsin; Nancy; Phineas, married to Martha Hotchkiss, in Michigan. Our subject was married April 23, 1845, to Eliza A., daughter of Ira and Amret (Cass) Nichols, formerly of Massachusetts, who located in Waterford Township, Erie Co., Penn., in 1831, and in 1835 removed to Rockdale, now Cambridge Township, this county, settling on the farm now occupied by our subject, with whom Mrs. Nichols, now in her ninety-fourth year, is living. To Mr. and Mrs. Herrick were born eight children: Nancy A.; Sarah M., wife of John Anderson, of Topeka, Kan.; George C., married to Lizzie Culbertson, Edinboro, Penn.; Norton J., married to Flora Culbertson, Cambridgeboro; Alice E.; Joseph M., married to Blanche Burchfield, in Edinboro, Penn.; Myra; and Willie C. Mr. Herrick and wife are adherents of the Methodist Church. He is a member of the G. A. R. In politics he is a Republican.

JOHN P. HICKS, liveryman and farmer, P. O. Cambridgeboro, was born in Cambridge Township, this county; son of William and Mary (Fullerton) Hicks, natives of Pennsylvania (both deceased). They were the parents of four children, of whom John P. is the third. Our subject received a common school education, and at the age of seventeen engaged to learn shoe-making, at which trade he worked sixteen years. By industrious habits and economy, he saved enough money to enable him to purchase a farm of ninety acres in Cambridge Township, this county. He owned a livery stable four years previous to 1876, when he moved to his present farm. Four years later he returned

to Cambridge, and again entered the livery business, and at present has six horses. He deals more or less extensively in horses—buying and selling. Mr. Hicks was married in 1877 to Lorena Farlin, a native of this county. He has served the people of this township one year as Assessor. In politics he is a Democrat.

GEORGE D. HUMES, farmer, P. O. Cambridgeboro, was born March 13, 1828, son of Robert and Mary (Doctor) Humes; the former a son of Archibald Humes, who settled in what is now Cambridge Township, this county, in 1797; the latter a daughter of Leonard and Elizabeth (Humes) Doctor, who settled in this township in 1803, together with a brother and sister, Frederick and Mary Doctor, who never married. Their mother, who came with them, died in 1805 at an advanced age. Archibald Humes was the parent of three children: Mary, wife of James Doctor; Margaret, wife of George Doctor, and Robert, who married Mary Doctor and had two children—Elizabeth and George D. Our subject was married May 27, 1855, to Esther A., daughter of Willard and Emily (Marcy) Ames. By this union are two children: Elmer E. and Edwin G. Mr. Humes was so unfortunate as to lose his arm by being caught in a threshing-machine, December 23, 1848. He and his wife are members of the Methodist Church. Our subject is a member of Cambridge Lodge, 901, I. O. O. F., and the E. A. U. of Cambridge. He has been Justice of the Peace fifteen years and has held nearly every office in the gift of his township. Politically he is a Democrat.

ALLEN D. HUTCHISON, proprietor of livery, Cambridgeboro, was born in Richmond Township, this county, July 19, 1843; son of Elder and Harriet (Allen) Hutchison; the former a son of one of the first settlers of Richmond Township, this county, the latter a daughter of William and Harriet Allen, and grand-daughter of James and Elizabeth (Fuggle) Allen, who settled in this township in 1824. All were natives of England. Elder Hutchison was parent of five children: Elizabeth, Mary, Allen D., Brady and Dwight. Our subject, Allen D., was married April 15, 1866, to Mary L., daughter of James and Eunice (Morse) Decker, of Rockdale Township. By this union were four children: Delroy and Frank, now living; Blanche and Harry, deceased. Mr. Hutchison lived in Richmond Township until after marriage, when he removed to Rockdale Township, where he resided three years. In 1874 he located in Cambridge, where he has since resided. He is a member of the Masonic Lodge of Cambridge. Has been Constable of the borough four terms; in politics is a Democrat.

AMOS KELLY, banker, Cambridgeboro, was born in Rockdale Township, this county, September 8, 1833, son of John and Mary (Langley) Kelly, the former of whom was the first white child born in Rockdale Township, this county, son of Isaac and Hannah (Carnahan) Kelly, who located in Bloomfield Township, this county, in 1799, but in 1800 removed to Rockdale Township, where they passed the remainder of their lives. The father of our subject was twice married; on first occasion, December 20, 1821, to Mary, daughter of John and Mary Langley, the former a native of Ireland and who settled in Cambridge Township, this county in 1812; the latter a native of Washington County, Penn. By this union were six children: Nancy, deceased; James P.; Polly A., wife of H. H. Howard; John L.; George N., deceased; and Amos. The present wife of John Kelly was Mrs. Lydia (West) Hamilton, to whom he was married March 4, 1846, and to this union were born three children: Josephine, wife of Jason McCray; Agnes, deceased; and an infant, deceased. Our subject was married May 14, 1857, to Adelaide, daughter of Virgil and Mary (Logue) Birchard, and grand-daughter of James Birchard, formerly of

Massachusetts, who settled in Cambridge Township, this county, in 1813. Mr. nd Mrs. Kelly are parents of six children: Alton A., Milford B ; Bernie C., eceased; Frank R.; an infant, deceased; and Inez, deceased. Our subject and wife are members of the Presbyterian Church. In 1872 he located in Cambridgeboro, and in company with his brother. John Langley Kelly, embarked in banking business, which has since been conducted successfully under firm name J. L. & A. Kelly. In politics Mr. Kelly is a stanch Republican.

HENRY C. KLIE, farmer, P. O. Cambridgeboro, was born in Washington Township, Erie Co., Penn., October 28, 1845; son of Henry and Aurelia (Arnaman) Klie, who located in Rockdale Township, this county, in 1855, and, after residing there eighteen years, moved to Richmond Township, this county, where they now live. Our subject was married January 1, 1870, to Amelia, daughter of Henry Bramer, and a native of Germany. By this union there are three children: Dona, Frank and Walla. Mr. Klie purchased his farm in Cambridge Township in 1874. He has acted as Supervisor, Inspector, Judge of Elections, and Auditor of his township. In politics he is a Democrat. He is a member of the Masonic Lodge at Cambridge.

AARON T. LONG, butcher, Cambridgeboro, was born in Cambridge Township, this county, July 13, 1834; son of Jacob and Ann (Wolf) Long, who came from Lebanon County, Penn., and settled in this township about 1828. Jacob Long had eight children, three of whom are living, viz.: Harriet, wife of Frank Maxwell; Margaret M., wife of John Terrill; and Aaron T. Our subject was married November 26, 1863, to Lucretia, widow of Henry C. Long, by whom she had three children, two now living: Edward D., now in Wisconsin, and George C., of East Saginaw, Mich. (George C. was married September 24, 1884, at East Saginaw, Mich., by Rev. W. Spencer, to Miss Leona Zeron, of Port Dover, Ontario. She is a daughter of Zera and Phebe (Carter) Rockwell, who settled in Cambridge Township in 1817.) By this union there are two children: Clara E. and Flora A. Mr. Long had always followed agricultural pursuits until 1877, when he sold his farm and located in Cambridgeboro, and has since been engaged in butchering. He has been Supervisor of his township, Judge and Inspector of Election. In politics he is a Democrat. Mr. Long, wife and eldest daughter are members of the Presbyterian Church.

MATTHEW H. LUSE, Justice of the Peace, Cambridgeboro, was born in Warren County, Penn., December 11, 1844; son of Israel and Elizabeth (Tuthill) Luse, of that county. Israel Luse, who was a son of Shubel Luse and a native of Vermont, was lost at sea in 1849, while on a voyage to California. Elizabeth, his wife, a native of Warren County, died in 1851. Our subject came to this county in 1859, locating at Meadville, where he learned the trade of carriage painter. At the age of sixteen he enlisted in the war of the Rebellion, going out in Company I, Second Pennsylvania Cavalry. He was in the battles of Opequan, Va., Cedar Mountain, Seven Pines, Gettysburg, Mine Run, the Wilderness, second battle of Bull Run, and other engagements. He was taken prisoner at the second battle of Bull Run and paroled on the field. In 1864 he was again taken prisoner, at Petersburg, and after nine months' confinement in Libby, Andersonville, Savannah and Millen prisons, was exchanged, and he then rejoined his regiment at Petersburg. He enlisted October 6, 1861, and was honorably discharged July 13, 1865. Our subject was married April 20, 1874, to Sarah, daughter of Charles P. and Margaret (Baugher) Penoyer, of Cambridgeboro. By this union were born two children, Charles (deceased) and Ernest. Mr. Luse located in Cam-

bridgeboro in 1873. In 1881 he was appointed Justice of the Peace, to fill an unexpired term, and was elected in 1882 for a term of five years. In politics he is a Republican. Mr. Luse and wife are members of the Congregational Church; he is a member of the I. O. O. F., A. O. U. W., K. of H. and G. A. R.

L. HALSEY MITCHELL, farmer, P. O. Cambridgeboro, was born in what is now Cambridge Township, Crawford Co., Penn., December 14, 1832, son of Peter and Hannah (Weston) Mitchell, and grandson of Nathan Mitchell, who settled in Rockdale Township, this county, in 1801. Peter Mitchell was the parent of seven children: Polly, wife of Thomas Holden, Erie County, Penn.; Harriet, wife of Josiah Robbins, of Cambridge Township, this county; Eunice (deceased), wife of W. C. Isherwood; Susan, wife of James Culbertson of Erie County, Penn.; James W.; George W., and L. Halsey. Our subject was married February 14, 1856, to Adeline, daughter of Stephen and Elizabeth (Isherwood) Culbertson, of Erie County, Penn., by whom he has two children: Ella, wife of Charles Siverling, residing in Erie County, Penn. (they have one son, named Albertis Leroy) and Florence E. Mr. Mitchell never sought office, though he has held several minor positions in his township. He is a Republican in politics. Is a member of the A. O. U. W., and of the Cambridge Grange.

SYLVESTER M. MITCHELL, farmer and blacksmith, P. O. Cambridgeboro, was born in Cambridge Township, Crawford Co., Penn., May 23, 1850, son of William and Aurelia (Gage) Mitchell, and grandson of Nathan Mitchell, who settled in Rockdale Township, this county, in 1801. Our subject was married January 10, 1871, to Mary Catling, a native of England, and daughter of Peter and Margaret (Edwards) Catling, of Cambridge Township, this county. By this union were born four children, viz.: Peter, Mabel, Bertie and Anna. Mr. Mitchell has lived on his present farm for five years. In politics he is a Republican.

AMASA F. MOSES, editor and proprietor of the *Cambridge News*, Cambridgeboro, was born October 6, 1855, in Potsdam, N. Y., son of A. B. and Mary A. (Foster) Moses, the former born in 1815, in Vermont, and the latter in 1829, in the State of New York. They were the parents of six children. Our subject was educated in an academy at Canton, N. Y., and has always been an extensive reader on general subjects. His education has not only been literary but musical, and in 1873 he learned telegraphing. In 1874 he began the printer's trade at Union City, Penn., and rapidly advanced to the foremanship and subsequently to the position of publisher and editor. He was married in 1877 at Cambridgeboro, Penn., to Anna B. Hanson, born in Venango, Penn., in 1857, daughter of S. W. and Mary (Siverling) Hanson, the former born in 1835, in Canada, the latter in 1840, in Venango, Penn. To this union have been born four children, of whom two are now living, viz.: Roy and Ernest. Our subject resided in St. Lawrence County, N. Y., until 1870, when he removed with his parents to Erie County, Penn., and came to Cambridgeboro in 1876. In 1878 he bought the *Leader*, a newspaper at Waterford, Erie Co., Penn., and in 1883 he returned to his present home, where he gives his personal attention to the editing and publishing of the *Cambridge News*. He is a member of the Presbyterian Church; a Republican in politics. He is a member of the I. O. O. F. and E. A. U. societies.

BENJAMIN B. REYNOLDS, manufacturer, Cambridgeboro, was born in Waterford Township, Erie Co., Penn., September 17, 1837; son of George and Betsy (Lyman) Reynolds, both natives of this county and early settlers of Waterford Township, Erie County; the former of Scotch and Irish descent, son of William Reynolds; the latter was a daughter of William Lyman, and of German lineage. Our subject was educated in the common schools of Erie County. In

1855 he located in Woodstock, McHenry Co., Ill., and worked in a planing-mill until the breaking out of the Rebellion. He enlisted, August 6, 1861, in Company F, Ninety-fifth Illinois Volunteer Infantry; and was in the battle of Champion Hill, went through the siege of Vicksburg and Natchez; took part in other minor engagements, and was honorably discharged at Chicago, Ill., June 17, 1863. Mr. Reynolds has been twice married, on first occasion, February 1, 1858, to Irene M., daughter of Matthew and Betsey (Gilbert) Reynolds, of Woodstock, Ill., by whom he had one son, George M. Mrs. Reynolds dying April 14, 1874, our subject was married October 22, 1874, to Frances, daughter of Thomas and Fanny (Wyman) Bloomfield, and granddaughter of Thomas and Elizabeth (Morris) Bloomfield, who were among the first settlers of Bloomfield Township, this county, which bears their name. The Bloomfields were of Scotch and the Wymans of Welsh and English descent; the ancestors of the latter being among the Pilgrims who came over in the "May Flower," and landed on Plymouth Rock. In 1866 Mr. Reynolds located in Cambridge and for three years worked in Johnson, St. John & Co.'s planing-mill. He went to Rockdale in 1869 and after occuping the position of foreman in the planing-mill of Kelly, Howard & Co. for three years, purchased the mill and continued the business two years for himself. In 1875 he returned to Cambridge and embarked in same business which he conducted for four years, then began manufacturing shingles, in which he is still engaged. From 1878 to 1882, in company with T. T. Root, he did an extensive business in barrel headings; since 1879, has also been engaged in manufacturing cider. In 1880 he commenced making apple jelly, in which he is doing a large business, having all the latest improvements in machinery for manufacturing this article. Mr. Reynolds is one of the leading manufacturers and business men of Cambridge. Is a member of the I. O. O. F., A. O. U. W. and G. A. R. In politics he is a Republican.

JAMES G. RHODES, farmer, P. O. Cambridgeboro, was born in Connecticut, June 5, 1808; son of Jonathan and Mary (Young) Rhodes, who settled in what is now Cambridge Township, this county, in 1835, on the tract now owned by his sons, James G. and Jonathan S. and Zadock's widow. They were parents of nine children: James G., Zadock, deceased; Amy, wife of Samuel B., Thomas, in Missouri; Hiram B. (deceased); Jonathan S.; Lydia, wife of John Waterhouse, in LeBœuf Township, Erie Co., Penn.; Catherine, wife of Hiram Isherwood, of Cambridge Township, this county; Caroline, wife of William Laugherty, of Rockdale Township, this county; Violetta, wife of Christopher Warren, in LeBœuf, Erie Co., Penn. Our subject was married November 14, 1851, to Sally, daughter of John and Elizabeth (Anderson) Daniel, early settlers of Rockdale Township, this county, the former a native of Bucks County, this State, the latter a native of Virginia. By this marriage there were eight children: Daniel (deceased); Hiram, married Viola Drake; George, married Alice Campbell (now deceased); Elizabeth, wife of Charles Campfield, of Rockdale Township, this county; Anna (deceased); Mary; Rio and John. Mr. Rhodes has resided on his present place ever since he came to this county with his parents in 1835. He has been Constable, Supervisor and School Director of Rockdale Township, this county, and has held other minor offices. In politics he is a Republican.

ZADOCK RHODES, deceased, was born in Sterling, Conn., August 25, 1811, son of Jonathan and Mary (Young) Rhodes, who settled in Rockdale, now Cambridge Township, this county, in 1835. He was married January 21, 1841, to Elizabeth, daughter of William and Rebecca (Isherwood) Waterhouse, of LeBœuf Township, Erie Co., Penn. By this union were six children: Amy

(deceased); Lewis (deceased); Almina F.; Young J., married to Aurie Porter; Ida M., wife of Eugene Drake, and Allen. Those now living reside in Cambridge Township, this county. Mr. Rhodes held the office of Road Commissioner and School Director of his township several terms. In politics he was a Democrat. He died July 12, 1870, in his fifty-ninth year. His widow resides on the old homestead.

YOUNG J. RHODES, lumber manufacturer, Cambridgboro, was born in Rockdale Township, this county, August 8, 1852; son of Zadock Y. and Elizabeth (Waterhouse) Rhodes, early settlers of that township. Our subject was raised on a farm and received his early educatiou at the common schools. He attended the Mount Union College at Alliance, Ohio, two years, graduating from that institution in 1874. He located in Cambridge Township, this county, in 1875, and embarked in the manufacture of lumber, in which business he has been profitably engaged up to the present time. Mr. Rhodes was married May 31, 1875, to Aurie, daughter of Philander G. and Clarissa (Mitchell) Porter, of Cambridge Township, this county. By this union there are three children: Dolly, Horace and Robert. Mr. Rhodes is now serving his second term as Justice of the Peace. In politics he is a Democrat.

JONATHAN S. RHODES, farmer, P. O. Cambridgeboro, was born in Rhode Island, January 7, 1821; son of Jonathan and Mary (Young) Rhodes, who settled in what is now Cambridge Township, this county, in 1835. Our subject was married May 20, 1852, to Mary A., daughter of Jonathan and Louisa (Doolittle) Stoddard, who has borne him five children: Alida S., Ellen L., Emma C., Zadoc L. and Mary A. Of these Alida S. married Edgar Throop, of Rockdale Township, this county. They have three children: Dennis, Lillie and Lynn (twins). Emma C. married J. N. Jarvis; have one child—Ethel—and reside in Tennessee. Mary A. married James McClafferty, of Washington Township, Erie County. Mr. Rhodes lives on a part of the tract his father took up and settled on in 1835. In politics he is a Democrat.

JOSIAH ROBBINS, farmer, P. O. Cambridgeboro, was born in Washington Township, Erie Co., Penn., April 21, 1817, son of Josiah and Elizabeth (Steward) Robbins, who located in Erie County in 1815, and removed from thence to Rockdale Township, this county, in 1821. Josiah Robbins, Sr., who was a native of Connecticut, died in 1862, in his seventy-third year; his widow, a native of New York, departed this life February 22, 1882, aged eighty-nine. Of their fifteen children six are now living: Josiah, George, Henry, Palace, Abigail and Mary. Our subject was married July 16, 1840, to Harriet, daughter of Peter and Hannah (Weston) Mitchell, and grand-daughter of Nathan Mitchell, who came from Massachusetts and settled in Rockdale Township, this county, in 1801. By this union there were five children, viz.: Hannah, wife of Benjamin Akerly, residing in Waterford Township, Erie Co., Penn. (have four children: Victor, Leon, Clark and Nellie); Maryette, deceased; Halsey, deceased; Eunice, deceased, and George, married to Paulina Churchill, of LeBœuf (have one child—DeForest L.). Mr. Robbins has lived on his present farm fifteen years. He was formerly a Whig in politics, but has been a Republican since the organization of the party.

ADDISON O. ROCKWELL, retired, Cambridgeboro, was born in what is now Cambridge Township, this county, December 16, 1819, son of Bernard and Rebecca (Mercy) Rockwell, who settled in Rockdale (now Cambridge) in 1817. They were from Berkshire County, Mass., and had six children: Addison O., Sally A., Emily M. (deceased), Emeline M. (deceased), Eunice L. (deceased) and Esther F. Bernard Rockwell died October 9, 1864, at the age of seventy-two; his widow is still living, at the age of eighty-five. Our sub-

ject was married October 8, 1845, to Martha L., daughter of Sylvester and Mercy (Thomis) Root, who settled here in 1819. By this union were two children: Wilbur F. (deceased), and LaRue D., who married Fannie Lane, of Potter County, Penn., by whom he has had four children: Alfred L., Florence, Ethel and Paul, the latter two deceased. LaRue D. was in the late war, having enlisted February 23, 1864, when but fourteen years of age, in Company E, Eighty-third Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry. Was wounded at Laurel Hill, battle of the Wilderness, May 8, 1864, and honorably discharged October 4, 1865. He is now a practicing physician at Union City. Addison O. Rockwell owns the farm on which his father first settled. He has held every office in the gift of his township, with the exception of Justice of the Peace and Constable. Is a member of and Steward in the Methodist Episcopal Church. Mrs. Rockwell is an adherent of the Baptist denomination.

EPHRAIM S. ROCKWELL, farmer, P. O. Cambridgeboro, was born in what is now Cambridge Township, this county, July 13, 1824; son of Zera and Phebe (Carter) Rockwell, who came from Massachusetts and settled in this township in 1817. They were the parents of eight children, viz.: William S., Louisa M., Laura A., Abner O., Horace N., Ephraim S., Harriet P. and Phebe L. Zera Rockwell died in 1862 in his seventy-first year. Our subject has been twice married; on first occasion in September, 1847, to Mary E. Dodge, of this township, who bore him four children: William D. (deceased), Frank D., Hannah L. and Linn L. His second marriage occurred July 5, 1875, with Lettie, daughter of Phineas and Maria (Noble) Elderkin, of this township. Mr. and Mrs. Rockwell are members of the Presbyterian Church. He has been School Director of his township several terms. In politics is a Republican.

SUMNER F. ROOT, farmer, P. O. Cambridgeboro, was born in Cambridge Township, Crawford Co., Penn., July 7, 1831, son of Daniel and Susannah (Church) Root, who came from Middlefield, Hampshire Co., Mass., to Cambridge (then Rockdale) Township, this county, in 1819, and settled on the farm now owned by our subject. They started with an ox-team, but when they got as far as Albany the oxen gave out and were exchanged for a pair of horses. It took five weeks to make this journey. Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Root had six children, viz.: Electa D., wife of E. S. S. Root, residing in Rockdale Township, this county; Meribah A., married to Rev. N. O. Thomas, in Richmond Township, this county; Daniel, also in Richmond Township; Eliakim W., deceased; Sumner F. and Ann. Daniel Root, Sr., died September 3, 1881, in his eighty-ninth year; his wife died September 25, 1858, aged sixty three She was a daughter of Green H. Church, of Middlefield, Mass. The Root (originally spelled Rootes) family, of Cambridge, are descended from John Rootes, a native of Badby, Northamptonshire, England, who settled in Connecticut in 1635-36, and are known as the Farmington line. Our subject, Sumner F., and his sister Ann, reside on the old homestead.

JUSTIN ROOT, farmer, P. O. Cambridgeboro, was born in what is now Cambridge Township, this county, December 29, 1833; son of Sylvester and Mercy (Thomas) Root, who settled in Cambridge Township in 1820. The father of our subject came from Middlefield, Mass., and was a son of Daniel and Electa (Wardwell) Root. Daniel was a son of Thomas Root, whose father, Timothy Root, was a native of Westfield, Mass. The Roots are descendants of three brothers who came from England and settled in Salem, Mass., in 1635-36. Sylvester Root had eight children: Martha L., Sally A., Harmony, Sylvester B., Justin, Morton, Timothy T. and Lucy A. Justin Root, our subject, was married January 10, 1861, to Nancy, daughter of Levi G. and Eliza-

beth (Gross) Birchard, by whom he has two children: Lizzie A., born April 14, 1865 (the day President Lincoln was assassinated), and Andrew A., born August 28, 1866, died of typhoid fever September 27, 1884, aged eighteen years, one month. He was a grand and noble young man, and being the only son, his loss is a sad affliction to his parents and sister. Mr. Root lives on a part of the farm settled by James Birchard in 1813. He is a member of the Knights of Honor; is a Republican in politics. He and his family are members of the Presbyterian Church.

AMASA B. ROSS, retired, Cambridgeboro, was born in Peru, Berkshire Co., Mass., November 26, 1810; son of Increase B. and Lucy A. (Foote) Ross, who were parents of three sons: Amasa B., Charles and John. All were natives of Massachusetts and early settlers of Cambridge, this county. Increase B. Ross was a son of Amasa and Sarah (Bartlett) Ross. Amasa B. Ross, our subject, settled in Cambridge, this county, in 1838, and engaged in the mercantile business, which he followed until 1870, when he retired. He was married November 10, 1840, to Harriet R., daughter of Samuel and Betsy (Crosby) Beedy, who settled in Erie County about 1830; they were formerly of New Hampshire. To this union were born six children, viz.: Dixi H., married to Lucy Burchard (have two children: Harry and Harriet, and reside at Victoria, Vancouver Island, B. C.); Mowbray B., married to Mary E. Fullerton (have two daughters: Florence G. and Hattie M., and reside in Brooklyn, N. Y.); Bertha M. (deceased); Grace H. (deceased) married George Wade, left twin daughters named Grace R. and Georgie R.; Winslow B., married to Adell Leffingnell, (deceased) (have one child—Almond B.—and reside in Cambridge); Minnie F. (deceased). Mr. Ross was the leading merchant in Cambridge until his retirement in 1870. He served one term in the Pennsylvania State Legislature in 1854-55; was a School Director of his township sixteen years and filled many other important offices. He was formerly a Whig, but joined the Republican party at its organization and has been one of its active supporters ever since. Our subject always takes a leading part in educational and church interests; has been a member of and one of the Deacons in the First Congregational Church of Cambridge since its organization in 1852.

EMORY P. RUSSELL, proprietor and Principal of the Conservatory of Music, Cambridgeboro, was born in New York City, September 20, 1855, son of Joseph and Julia A. (Pool) Russell, now residents of Boston, Mass. He received his early education at the schools of Newton, Mass., and graduated from the high school of that place. He began the study of music when twelve years of age; for ten years was a student of music in Boston under special instructors, and is now considered one of the most thoroughly trained musicians in the country. While studying to master his profession, he was employed in one of the largest silk stores in Boston, and used his salary to pay for his musical education. He was a member of the Boylston Musical Club for several years, and sang in many of the leading churches and concert companies of Boston. He taught music in the public schools of Newton and Watertown, Mass., two years. Mr. Russell was married April 16, 1879, to Jennie M., daughter of John and Clarinda (Brackett) Little, of Cambridge, Mass. In 1881 he took charge of the musical department of the State Normal School at Edinboro, Penn., where he remained two years. There were but fourteen students of music when he took charge. When he left, the class had increased to forty-nine. In the fall of 1883 he located in Cambridge, and opened the Cambridge Conservatory of Music, which has succeeded far beyond his expectations, and the press has given him many complimentary notices in reference to the thoroughness of the instructions given at this institution. Our subject has

recently purchased a lot 60x220, on which he has erected a fine hall which will accommodate 200 students. He has five assistants, and his wife is Principal of the piano department. Prof. Russell is a gentleman of culture and refinement, and thoroughly understands his profession. He is a member of the Northwestern Commandery of Knights Templar, the Ancient Order United Workmen, and Equitable Aid Union. He and his wife are members of the Baptist Church.

JONATHAN W. SALEN, hotel keeper, Cambridgeboro, was born in Richmond Township, this county, September 12, 1845, son of William and Hettie (Moyer) Salen, who settled in that township in 1840, on the farm where they now reside. William Salen was a native of France, and his wife of Lehigh County, Penn. They had eleven children: Sally, deceased; Helena, Angeline; Catherine, deceased; Peter, William, Jonathan W., Lewis; Esther, deceased; Mary; George, deceased. Our subject was raised on a farm. At the age of twenty-six he engaged in the drug business at Pierpont, Ohio, following same occupation three years. In 1872 he moved to Concord, Erie Co., Penn., and embarked in the lumber trade, in which he still retains an interest there along with W. R. Wade. In 1877 Mr. Salen removed to Corry, Penn., and engaged in the manufacture of lumber, shingles, etc., which business he sold out in the fall of 1882, and in May, 1883, he came to Cambridge and purchased the American Hotel property, which he remodeled from cellar to garret. It now has the reputation of being second to no hotel in western Pennsylvania. Mr. Salen has been twice married; on first occasion, December 28, 1871, to Agnes P., daughter of John and Lydia (West) Kelly. John Kelly was the first white child born in Rockdale Township, this county, and was a son of Isaac and Hannah (Carnahan) Kelly, who settled in what is now Bloomfield Township, this county, in 1799. To this union were born three children: John, Maud (deceased) and Walla. Our subject's second marriage was December 13, 1882, with Mrs. Helen Jude, daughter of John and Mary Raymer, of Spartansburg, Penn. Mr. Salen is a F. & A. M., a member of the I. O. O. F., and the E. A. U.

ADAM SHERRED, farmer, P. O. Venango, was born in Venango Township, this county, November 22, 1810; son of Michael and Elizabeth (Zerns) Sherred, who came from Susquehanna County, Penn., and settled in Venango Township, this county, in 1797. Michael was a son of Jacob Sherred, an early settler of Washington Township, Erie Co., Penn. He was parent of twelve children: John, Adam, George, Henry, Polly, Peggy, Sally, Christena, Leah, Solomon, Jonathan and Maria. Our subject was married October 1, 1835, to Susan, daughter of John and Susan (Lytle) Shearer, who settled in what is now Cambridge Township in 1797. To this union were born seven children, viz.: Mary A., wife of James L. Doctor; Andrew J., married to Emily Hardman, of Ohio; John O., married to Tabitha Johnston; Michael M., married to Mary J. Bole; Lucian S., married to Clara Campbell; Josiah D., married to Julia Brookhouser; James S., married to Ella Peiffer. Mr. Sherred has lived on his farm since 1837. He has been Judge of Election. In politics is a Democrat. He and his wife are members of the Presbyterian Church.

MICHAEL M. SHERRED, cheese-maker, P. O. Venango, was born in Cambridge Township, this county, November 25, 1842; son of Adam and Susan (Shearer) Sherred. He was married September 10, 1872, to Mary J., daughter of John and Margaret (Gilmore) Bole, of Venango Township, this county. By this union there is one child, Ray G. Mr. Sherred and wife are members of the Presbyterian Church. He is a member of the K. of P. In politics is a Democrat.

ALANSON SHERWOOD, manufacturer, Cambridgeboro, was born in this township, July 22, 1832; son of Burnet M. and Eliza (Briggs) Sherwood, and grandson of John Sherwood, who settled in Washington Township in 1816. Alanson Sherwood was twice married; his first wife was Louisa, daughter of Hiram Johnson, of Edinboro, formerly of Maine, to whom he was married November, 1854. By this union there were three children: Ada, (deceased), William and Eliza B. His second wife was Emma Johnson, a half-sister of his first wife, to whom he was married September, 1873. The issue of this marriage was one child—Mabel. Mr. Sherwood began the manufacture of shovel handles in Edinboro, in 1853, and carried on business there until 1873, when he located in Cambridgeboro, and engaged in the same business on a larger scale, and in connection with that, in company with his father, engaged also in flour-milling, planing-mill and lumber business, which partnership lasted until 1881, when the father sold his interest to three of his sons; they in turn sold to Thomas H. Agnew, the same year, and the business has been carried on successfully to the present time, under the firm name of Sherwood & Agnew. Mr. Sherwood is now Burgess of Cambridgeboro, serving his second term. In politics he is a Republican.

BENJAMIN F. SIVERLING, stock dealer, Cambridgeboro, was born in Venango Township, this county, May 1, 1844; son of Jacob and Barbara (Kleckner) Siverling, and grandson of Daniel Siverling, who was one of the first settlers in what is now Venango Township. Our subject was married November, 1872, to Fannie, daughter of Joseph and Sarah (Parker) Stillwell, of New York City, by whom he had one child—Sarah A. Mrs. Siverling died August 28, 1879, and in the same year he located in Cambridgeboro, this township. He is a member of the K. of H. and the E. A. U. In politics Mr. Siverling is a Republican.

WATSON S. SMITH, farmer, P. O. Cambridgeboro, was born in Mill Creek Township, Erie Co., Penn., June 25, 1856; son of John W. and Permelia M. (Fuller) Smith, who settled in Rockdale Township, this county, in 1857. They had thirteen children, nine of whom are now living, viz.: Mary J. (Mrs. John Folsom), Susan C. (Mrs. John Dawson), Sabra (Mrs. Henry Langley), Melvina (Mrs. S. C. T. Dodd), John A. (married Rhoda Bunce), Julia (Mrs. Chas. Ferry), Minnie, Victory C. (married Emma E. Deans), and Watson S. Our subject was married January 18, 1880, to Arlette, daughter of Hardy and Almira P. (Pratt) Cushing, of Panama, N. Y., by whom he has one child—Kenneth C. John W. Smith died in 1877 at the age of sixty-eight; his wife died in 1873. Our subject had always resided in Rockdale Township until the spring of 1884, when he removed to Cambridge. In politics he is a Republican.

JEREMIAH M. STANFORD, farmer, P. O. Cambridgeboro, was born in Jefferson County, N. Y., October 26, 1821; son of Giles and Betsy (Bunce) Stanford, who settled in Rockdale Township, this county, in 1847. They had twelve children: Jeremiah M., Aurelia, Newell (deceased), Riza, Mary, Jeannette, Cassandra, Andrew, Harriet, Charlotte (deceased), George and Oscar. Our subject was married July 8, 1852, to Sally, daughter of Sylvester and Mercy (Thomas) Root, who settled in Cambridge Township, this county, in 1820. By this union were ten children: Frank, Mercy H., Eliakim, Ada, Charlie, Egbert, Ella, Timothy, Ralph and Myra. Of these, Mercy H. married Frank Shrobb, of Meadville, Penn., and resides in Clinton County, Penn. (have four children: Nora, Almon and two infants). Mr. Stanford lived in Rockdale Township, this county, until 1883, when he purchased the Sylvester Root farm in Cambridge Township, where he now resides. Both he and his wife are members of the Baptist Church. In politics he is a Republican.

JACOB P. STRAYER, A. M., M. D., Cambridgeboro, was born in Greenwood Township, this county, August 6, 1853, son of Jacob and Jemima (Daniels) Strayer, the former of whom came from York County, Penn., and settled in Greenwood Township in 1821. Jacob P., our subject, was raised on a farm, receiving his early education at the common schools and later at the graded school in Geneva. In the spring of 1873 he went to the normal school at Edinboro, where he remained one term. In the fall of the same year he entered Allegheny College at Meadville, where he graduated in 1878, and the same year began the study of medicine with Dr. E. H. Dewey, of Meadville. He is a graduate of Jefferson Medical College, Philadelphia, of the class of 1880. He began the practice of medicine the same year in Geneva, where he remained until 1882, when he located in Cambridge, this county, where he has been practicing to the present time. He was married September 30, 1877, to Lois A. Slaven, of Greenwood, this county, by whom he has one child—Blanche L. His wife died October 10, 1883.

GEORGE UPHAM, farmer, P. O. Cambridgeboro, was born in Canton, Mass., October 25, 1815, son of Nathan and Susannah (Tilden) Upham, the former a native of England, the latter of Scotland, and who located in LeBœuf Township, Erie County, in 1817. They were parents of nine children: Naomi, Freelove, Sally, Susan, Clarissa, Nathan, Eliza, George and Roxa. Our subject purchased his farm in Cambridge Township in 1841; it comprises seventy-one acres of land, fifty-five of which he has cleared himself, and which he settled on in 1845. He was married September 18, 1845, to Lydia, daughter of Robert and Mercy (Atwell) Dodge, natives of Vermont. By this union were seven children, viz.: Mary, deceased; Roxa C., wife of Sylvester Culbertson, Erie County; George C., married to Tempie Smith, reside in Nebraska; John N., married to Emma R. Racop, Venango Township, this county; Effie O., wife of A. B. Skelton, Nebraska; Amos T., also in Nebraska; and Hattie A., who lives at home with her parents. In politics Mr. Upham is a Democrat.

GEORGE L. WADE, formerly junior member of the firm of Moses & Wade, editors and proprietors of the *Cambridge News*, Cambridgeboro, was born April 25, 1857, in Chautauqua County, N. Y. His father, Lewis N. Wade, was born in 1831, and died in 1874. He was a farmer and lumberman, and for many years was in business in Union City, Erie County. He was a member of the I. O. O. F., and A. O. U. W. His wife, Relief M. (Bates) Wade, was born in the State of New York in 1839. They were the parents of three children: J. E., F. E. and George L. She is now in Cambridgeboro, the wife of H. L. Bacon, whom she married in 1880. Our subject received ac ommon school education, and began the printing business with J. A. Pain, of the *Corry Telegraph*. He picked up the trade with rapidity, and in two years he held cases at Meadville, and subsequently at Greenlee, Penn., Warren, Cleveland and Akron, Ohio, Grafton, W. Va., Erie, Penn., and other places. In 1879 and 1881 Mr. Wade engaged in the job printing business in Bradford, Penn., under the firm name of Lerch & Wade, and in 1882 he bought a half interest in the *Cambridge News*, on which he has been instrumental in assisting Mr. Moses in making it a lively newspaper, such a journal as is demanded by the intelligent reading community through which it circulates. July 10, 1884, Mr. Wade sold his half interest in the *News* to his partner, Mr. Moses, but is still an attache in the office. Our subject was married December 4, 1882, to Grace H., a daughter of A. B. Ross. She was born in 1851, and died December 24, 1883, leaving to her husband the care of two sweet little girl babies, named Grace Ross and Georgie Ross. He is a member of the I. O. O. F. In politics a Republican.

JOHN B. WILBER, hardware merchant, Cambridgeboro, was born in Rensselaer County, N. Y., May 30, 1830, son of William B. and Bethana (Bennett) Wilber, the former a son of William Wilber, and of German lineage, the latter a daughter of Israel and Ruth Bennett, and of Scotch-Irish descent. John B. Wilber, our subject, came to this county in 1850, locating in Beaver Township, where he engaged in the lumber business. He was married in September, 1856, to Mary, daughter of John and Susan (Rockwell) Jobes, by whom he had three children: Frank (deceased), Mark and Harry. Mark was married October 17, 1883, to Kate Glenn, daughter of William Glenn, of Chautauqua County, N. Y. Mr. Wilber settled in Cambridge in 1866, and engaged in lumbering six years. In 1872 he embarked in the hardware trade, and, in 1873, to accommodate his increasing business, built a store 26x100 feet. In 1878 he enlarged his building 26x60, making his store 52 feet wide by 100 feet long. Above this is one of the finest halls in the State, having a seating capacity of 400, opera folding chairs, stage 24x30, scenery and dressing rooms. This hall is let for theater and lecture purposes. Mr. Wilber is the leading merchant in his line of business in this portion of the county. In politics he is a Republican.

CONNEAUT TOWNSHIP.

WILBUR ABELL, farmer and produce shipper, P. O. Linesville, was born in Springfield Township, Erie Co., Penn., November 26, 1852, son of Alexander and Maria (Hurlburt) Abell, former a farmer, and a native of the neighborhood of Saratoga, N. Y., latter a native of Erie County, Penn. His paternal ancestors at one time were owners of the land where the city of Saratoga now stands. Alexander Abell and his wife were parents of six children, four now living. Their son Harlow R. was a member of the Fourteenth Pennsylvania Cavalry, was wounded and taken prisoner, and died in a Rebel prison at Salisbury, N. C. They are now living in Springfield Township, Erie Co., Penn., members of the Methodist Episcopal Church. Our subject, who is third in the family, received an academic education, was thoroughly instructed in German, and taught school several terms in his younger days. Naturally he has a literary turn of mind, and has written several essays on farming, which were published in some of the leading magazines. He purchased his present farm of sixty acres in Conneaut Township, this county, in 1873, moved on it February 22, 1876, and has built a new residence. Mr. Abell put in the first wagon scales in his neighborhood, and laid the first mile of underground draining in his section. He makes a specialty of raising potatoes and onions, having at present seven acres of the former and three-quarters of an acre of the latter. He never sows timothy, but invariably seeds with clover. In the fall and winter of 1863 Mr. Abell handled over $18,000 worth of potatoes, besides much other produce, and same time fed and fattened twenty-one head of heavy cattle. Our subject married, November 23, 1875, Edith B. Philips, a native of Girard Township, Erie Co., Penn., educated at the L. E. S., Painesville, Ohio. Two children were born to this union: J. Lawrence and Rebecca M. Mr. and Mrs. Abell are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church. In politics he is independent; is a strong advocate of temperance, having never in his life drank a drop of liquor.

MOSES ALLEN, farmer and miller, P. O. Linesville, was born in South Shenango Township, this county, July 25, 1813, son of Steven and Jane (Gilliland) Allen, former a native of Washington County, latter of Fayette County, Penn., parents of nine children, five now living. One son, Lifflet, was killed by the cars in Linesville, this county, in 1883. They were members of the Presbyterian Church. Steven Allen came to Crawford County when a small boy, in 1795, with his father, who had been a soldier in the Revolutionary war. He was a soldier in the war of 1812; died in 1874, his widow in 1876. Our subject, who is eldest in the family, is a miller, an occupation he has worked at the better part of his life, in connection with farming. He was twice married, on first occasion to Mary, daughter of Samuel and Hannah Burwell. By this union were born nine children, eight now living: Mary J., wife of David Patent; Steven; Sarah O., wife of George Allen; Hugh, Winfield L.; Gaylord; Webster S.; Fred and Byron. Steven was a soldier during the war of the Rebellion, in the One Hundred and Eleventh Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, and was in many engagements; was wounded in the right hip and returned home at the close of the war. He was killed in a steam saw-mill in 1866. Mrs. Allen died in 1860, and our subject then married, in 1864, Mrs. Lucinda C. Kendall, widow of Charles Kendall, and daughter of Levi Gaylord, of Geneva, Ohio, of which place she is a native. She had three children by her first marriage, two now living: William V. and Levi G. Charles Kendall was a soldier in the war of the Rebellion, and died from the effects of disease contracted in 1861. To Mr. and Mrs. Allen have been born three children: Morton, Steve and Edgar. Our subject is a member of the Old School Presbyterian Church; is owner of fifty acres of well-improved land, with a fine residence erected thereon in 1880, where he and his wife are now leading a retired life.

WILLIS D. BARBER, farmer and breeder of shorthorn cattle, P. O. Penn Line, was born on the farm he now lives on, in Conneaut Township, this county, May 31, 1850, son of Elijah A. and Amanda (Drake) Barber, natives of Connecticut, parents of four children—two sons and two daughters. They were married in 1833. Elijah A. Barber came to Crawford County in 1832. He was a prominent farmer, owning at one time 300 acres of land, most of which he and his sons cleared. He was a Captain in the State Militia; an active Whig in an early day, but a Republican since the formation of that party. He died in 1865. His widow, who is now over eighty years of age, came to Crawford County in 1833. She is living with our subject and her daughter Florence A. on the old homestead. Mrs. A. H. Bates is one of her daughters, and her son, Horatio E., is a prominent farmer in Conneaut Township, this county. Our subject, who is the youngest child, received a good common school education and was brought up to farming life. He owns 125 acres, part of it his father's old homestead, and is now breeding and raising shorthorn cattle. He has some registered stock from the best families of shorthorns in Ohio and New York State. He is a member of the State Police; in politics a Republican.

A. H. BATES, proprietor Penn Line cheese factory, Penn Line, was born in Conneaut Township, this county, August 25, 1839; son of Patrick H. and Emma J. (Fish) Bates, and brother of Alanson S. Bates, whose sketch follows this. Our subject received a good common school education, and commenced life at the age of fourteen as a clerk in a dry goods store in Penn Line. In 1868 he opened a general store for his own account in same place, and this he carried on successfully till the fall of 1875, when, his health failing, he was compelled to close out the business. In 1873 he purchased a one-half interest

in the Penn Line cheese factory. This industry utilizes the milk of about 800 cows, many of its patrons coming from Ohio. The gradual increase of the patronage of this factory since our subject took hold of it is a safe guarantee of its future as well as an evidence of its present and past success. It is probably the largest cheese factory in Pennsylvania, and Mr. Bates is entitled to much credit for its progress. He was married in 1867 to Miss Augusta Barber, a native of Conneaut Township, this county, daughter of E. A. Barber, an early settler of this Section, and who died September 8, 1865. Her mother is now living with her son, W. D. Barber. One child has blessed this union—Ned A. Our subject is a member of the A. O. U. W. and State Police; in politics he is a Republican. He is owner of twenty-two acres of improved land.

ALANSON S. BATES, retired merchant, Penn Line, was born in Conneaut Township, this county, September 22, 1843, son of Patrick H. and Emma J. (Fish) Bates, former a native of Clinton County, latter of Albany County, N. Y., and daughter of Joseph Fish, who settled in Summerhill Township, this county, in 1815. He was a farmer and cleared up 400 acres of land in that section; was father of a large family. Patrick H. Bates came in 1821, when a boy, to Crawford County, with his father, Zadok, who settled in Conneaut Township and was a prominent farmer. He had three sons in the war of 1812, two of whom were riflemen at the battle of Plattsburg. The first husband of grandmother Bates was killed by the Tories during the Revolutionary war. Our subject's grandfather Bates died in 1834, and the widow then returned to her home in Clinton County, N. Y., and there died. The parents of our subject had nine children; they lived together half a century and never in that time lost a member of the family. The father died June 5, 1883, and his widow followed him August 7, same year. Alanson S., who is sixth in the family, received a common school education. He enlisted in 1862 in the One Hundred and Thirty-seventh Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, Army of the Potomac. His corps was kept on the reserve force at the battle of Antietam. He was honorably discharged in January, 1863, and returned home. Following summer our subject served three months in the Fifty-sixth Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, Army of West Virginia, and in the fall of 1863 was again honorably discharged and returned home. During the winter of 1864–65, he received authority to recruit a company, of which he was commissioned Second Lieutenant, and was attached to the One Hundred and Third Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, Tenth Corps, Army of the Cumberland. They did duty at Roanoke Island and Newberne. He was finally honorably discharged at the close of the war and returned home. His brother William served nine months with the One Hundred and Thirty-seventh Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, and his brother David nearly three years in all, part of the time with the Second Pennsylvania Cavalry. Our subject married, in 1866, Adelia Borden, a native of this county and daughter of James Borden. She died in December, 1868, and Mr. Bates then married, in 1873, Sarah Spencer. One child was born to this union—Willie S. Mrs. Bates is a member of the Presbyterian Church. After the war Mr. Bates was for some time in mercantile business and officiated as Postmaster at Penn Line, but is now retired. He was President of the Linesville Savings Bank for two years; is a member of the G. A. R., A. O. U. W., and is a F. & A. M.; in politics he is a Republican. Since above was written Mr. Bates has disposed of his business interests in Penn Line, and removed to Andover, Ashtabula Co., Ohio, where he has organized a bank, of which he has taken charge as Cashier.

DAVID BOLLARD, manager of the Farmers' Store Company (limited),

Center Road station, this township, was born in England, December 23, 1829; son of Thomas and Hupsabah Bollard. He came to America when twenty years of age, and worked at his trade, that of a shoe-maker, at night, laboring on a farm by day, until his marriage, which occurred in 1854, with Hannah J. Groves, a native of New York, and daughter of David Groves, one of the early settlers of this section. To this union have been born seven children, six now living, viz.: Lydia M., Lewis G., Charles F., Mary J., Minnie and Frank D. Our subject settled in Conneaut Township, this county, in 1850, and being a hard worker has cleared a great deal of land. He has filled the office of Township Treasurer many years, and is recognized as a man of integrity and trust. In January, 1881, Mr. Bollard was appointed manager of the Farmers' Store Company (limited), with place of business at Centre Road station, in the heart of Conneaut Township. This enterprise is owned by a joint stock company, with a capital of $2,000, and is doing a satisfactory business under the management of our subject. Mr. Bollard is an A. F. & A. M., and member of the R. T. of T., and State Police; in politics he is a Republican. His son, Lewis J., married Miss Lillie A. Crocket, a native of Conneaut Township, who has borne him one child—William D.

WILLIAM H. BRADT, farmer and breeder of short horn cattle and Cotswold sheep, P. O. Linesville, was born at New Salem, N. Y., April 2, 1850; son of Henry D. and Abigail (Rushmore) Bradt, also natives of New Salem, where were born also the grandfather and great-grandfather of our subject. Henry D. Bradt and his wife came to this county in 1870. They are the parents of four children. She is a member of the German Reformed Church. He kept a store and hotel in his younger days, but most of his life has been spent in farming pursuits. Our subject, who is youngest in the family, received a good common school education. He was married in 1872 to Miss Rachie L. Irons, a native of Conneaut Township, this county, and daughter of James R. Irons, a brother of B. O. Irons. Two children—Grace and Velma—were born to this union. Our subject and wife are members of the Baptist Church, and of the P. of H.; He owns ninety-two acres of well-improved land; is making a specialty of breeding short horn cattle, and has some registered animals of this stock; has also registered Cotswold sheep, of which he has a fine flock. Mr. Bradt has held several township offices; in politics he is a Republican.

CHANCY B. BROOKS, farmer and dealer in milk, P. O. Linesville, was born on the farm he now owns and lives on in Conneaut Township, this county, April 16, 1835, son of Isaac and Aldula (Brown) Brooks, former a native of this township, latter of the neighborhood of Montreal, Canada. They were parents of nine children, five now living. Isaac Brooks was a Quaker and aided in establishing that society in Conneaut Township; his wife had brothers serving the United States Government in the war of 1812. She dying in 1871, Mr. Brooks remarried, and his second wife departed this life March 3, 1884. He is living on the old homestead with his son, Chancy B., and is now in his seventy eighth year. Our subject, who is fifth in the family, received but a limited education, as he was kept hard at work. He was married September 26, 1856, to Mary L. Waters, a native of Ohio, and sister of A. W. Waters, whose biography elsewhere appears in this volume. Six children were born to this union, five now living: George L., Alson C., Fred J., Myrtie C. and Zed I. Our subject and wife are members of the Liberal League Society of Linesville. Mr. Brooks owns 130 acres of well-improved land, his father's old homestead. He furnishes the village of Linesville with milk; is making a specialty of breeding short horn cattle, and graded Cotswold sheep. Our subject is independent in politics and liberal in religious principles, not bound to any party or creed.

O. F. BUSH, farmer and carpenter and joiner, P. O. Conneautville, was born in Oneida County, N. Y., June 20, 1812, son of Derrick and Rachael M. (McIntosh) Bush, natives of Massachusetts, and parents of five children—three now living. They were members of the Baptist Church. Derrick Bush was a tanner and shoe-maker by trade, and in addition worked on a farm. He died at Linesville, Penn., October 25, 1867, aged seventy-nine years; his wife died November 20, 1820, aged thirty-two. Our subject, who is the third in the family, received a limited education. He learned the trade of carpenter and joiner when young, and has worked at it for a considerable length of time. He was married December 16, 1833, to Solemy Beach, who bore him one son —Joseph C., now proprietor of a wholesale tobacco business in Erie, Penn. She died April 28, 1877, and our subject then married, December 25, 1879, Mrs. Margaret Kazebee, widow of John Kazebee. She was born on the farm where she now lives, October 18, 1829, and is a daughter of William Johnston, who settled on this same farm in 1801. He came from Cumberland County, Penn.; was a soldier in the war of 1812, going to the front twice, for which he received two land grants and a pension. Mrs. Bush had two children by her first husband: John W., and Ella M., wife of William R. Sprague. She is a member of the Presbyterian Church, of which her parents were charter members, at Conneautville. Her mother died December 4, 1865, and her father October 5, 1873, aged eighty-three. Our subject has owned at different times three farms in Crawford County, and cleared a large area of land. He built several houses in Linesville, toward which village he has probably done more than any other individual. He has held the offices of Justice of the Peace, Coroner and School Director, latter for twelve years. In politics he is a Republican with strong temperance proclivities; has traveled extensively in the Western States and along the Pacific coast, having spent the winter of 1871 in Oregon.

COL. P. B. CARPENTER, contractor and builder, Conneautville, was born in Herkimer County, N. Y., January 12, 1827, son of Daniel and Temperance (Warfield) Carpenter, former a native of Massachusetts, latter of Marseilles, France. They were parents of thirteen children, six now living. Daniel Carpenter was a drummer boy in the war of 1812; and was a mechanic. Was a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, in which he took a special interest, and of which his father, who lived to the patriarchal age of ninety-four years, was a minister (the grandfather lived to the age of one hundred and four years); he died in January, 1882, his wife December 19, 1880. Our subject, who is the fifth in the family, received an academic education, and at the age of seventeen, his health being frail, commenced to learn the trade of brick mason and plasterer in Russia Township, Herkimer Co., N. Y., remaining with his employer five years, two latter as a partner. His health being re-established, our subject attended school winters, and during the summer months took contracts as a builder. He was married at the age of eighteen, to Miss Sarah Fenner, also a native of Herkimer County. To this union were born five children, four now living: Abbie, wife of Oren Penfield; Taber V.; Sarah, wife of D. F. Booth, and Fenner B., all now located on their father's original farm, within sight of his homestead. In 1861 Col. Carpenter recruited Company H, Eighty-third Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, of which he was commissioned Captain August 16, 1861. He served in the field with the Fifth Corps, Army of the Potomac. In 1863 he was appointed Assistant Provost Marshal of Crawford County, Penn., which position he held till the close of the war, and was honorably discharged in August, 1865. He is now Colonel of the Fifteenth Pennsylvania National Guards, holding the oldest

Colonel's commission in the State. With the exception of the time he was in service in the army, our subject has been a contractor and builder for thirty-nine years. He built the present court houses at Meadville, this county, Chardon, Coshocton and Ravenna, Ohio, the first Presbyterian and Christian E. P. Churches, besides many of the finest business blocks in Meadville and Ohio, and many other churches as well as banks, schools, etc., in Ohio. He has been owner, from time to time, of over 250 acres of well-improved land. Col. Carpenter is a member of the I. O. O. F.; has taken the thirty-second degree in Masonr. In politics he is a Republican.

T. H. COREY, farmer, P. O. Conneautville, was born in Summerhill Township, Cayuga Co., N. Y., January 8, 1832; son of Archibald and Luretta Corey, who came to Crawford County in 1837 and settled in Conneaut Township. They were parents of six boys and six girls, of whom nine are now living. They were members of the Methodist Episcopal Church. Archibald Corey was a carpenter and joiner and millwright. He died in 1837, soon after coming to Crawford County, and his widow followed him in 1866. Our subject, who is the tenth child in the family, received a common school education. He married, December 25, 1855, Miss Lottie T. Doling, a native of New York and daughter of L. W. Doling, now of Beaver Township, having come to Crawford County and settled in that township in 1851. Mr. Doling had a family of nine children, seven now living. He is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church; is now living with his daughter, Mrs. Louesa Johnson, in Beaver Township, this county. His wife, who was also a member of the same church, died in 1872. Our subject and wife were parents of four children, three now living: Thomas A., married September 18, 1884, to Miss Ida C. Rood; Ella L., wife of Leonard Holman, and Nettie M., wife of Arch B. Greenfield. Mr. and Mrs. Corey are members of the R. T. of T. He enlisted September 7, 1864, in the Two Hundred and Eleventh Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, attached to Ninth Corps, Army of the Potomac; was in the battle of Weldon Railroad; was wounded in the finger and right side at Petersburg, which necessitated his being sent to the hospital, and he had to suffer thirteen days before having his wounds dressed. He was honorably discharged in May, 1865, for physical disability. Our subject is a member of the G. A. R. and A. O. U. W.; in politics a Republican. Mr. Corey is owner of 130 acres of well-improved land.

MAJOR C. DORCHESTER, farmer, P. O., Centre Road Station, was born June 27, 1810, in Parish, N. Y.; son of Reuben and Sophia Dorchester, former of whom died when our subject was very young; the latter kept house in Mercer County, Penn., until she remarried. Our subject lived with his grandfather until 1828, in which year he purchased sixty-two acres of land partially cleared. October 2, 1834, he married Miss Nancy Tuttle, a native of North East, Erie Co., Penn. Two children were born to this union: Ruth S., wife of Edwin Egbert, and Reuben S. Mrs. Dorchester was a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church; she died in 1838. Mr. Dorchester then married, in 1840, Miss Elizabeth E. Sackett, a native of Edinburg, Portage Co., Ohio, born March 28, 1819, and daughter of Samuel S. Sackett, a farmer. By this union there are three children: Seth S., who was a soldier in the war of the Rebellion; Emeline E., wife of Jacob Van Slyke, and Caroline E., wife of Edwin Lawrence. Our subject and wife have been members of the Methodist Episcopal Church for over fifty years. He moved to Crawford County in April, 1853, and settled on the farm he now owns and lives on in Conneaut Township. In politics he is a Republican with strong temperance proclivities.

SETH S. DORCHESTER, farmer, P. O. Centre Road Station, was born

in Mercer County, Penn., January 9, 1844, son of M. C. Dorchester. In 1862 he enlisted in the three months' service with the Army of the Potomac, and on March 7, 1864, he again enlisted, on this occasion in Company I, Second Pennsylvania Cavalry, also with the Army of the Potomac. He was in the battle of Todd's Tavern four days, and was there wounded, May 7, 1864, through the right thigh. He remained in hospital until he returned to his regiment about August 15, 1864; then participated in the battles of Ream's Station, Wyatt House (two days), Boydtown Plank Road, Stony Creek, through the entire siege of Petersburg, and finally at Lee's surrender, serving in all about twenty-one months. He was honorably discharged in July, 1865. On September 10, 1865, Mr. Dorchester married Miss Philena Shaw, a native of Conneaut Township, and daughter of Moses D. Shaw, Sr., who came to Crawford County in 1842. He was a farmer, father of eleven children, and is now living in Summerhill Township. Three daughters and one son were born to this union: M. Lizzie, E. Jennie, Grace P. and Charles S. Our subject and wife are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church. He is owner of seventy-five acres of land, which he moved on to at the close of the war; this he cleared and improved, and it is now a fine farm. In politics he is a Republican.

EDMUND ELLSWORTH, farmer, P. O. Centre Road Station, was born at North East, Penn., March 20, 1824, son of John and Fannie (White) Ellsworth, natives of Cazenovia, N. Y., parents of eight children, five now living; members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, in which Mr. Ellsworth was a leader for many years. They moved to this county and settled in Hayfield Township in 1840. John Ellsworth, who had been a farmer all his days, died in 1850, his wife in 1845. Our subject, who is second in the family, received a common school education, and learned the trade of molder, at which he worked for fifteen years. He married, December 25, 1850, Mary T. Cox, a native of Wayne Township, this county, daughter of Levi Cox, and granddaughter of Samuel Gehr, an early settler in this county. To this union were born three children: Ruth A., who has taught school successfully for over fifteen years; Eva, a dress-maker; and Fred W., at present attending Allegheny College at Meadville, Penn. Mr. Ellsworth moved to his present fine farm of seventy acres in Conneaut Township in 1864, and since he abandoned his trade has applied himself exclusively to farming. He is a member of the I. O. O. F. In politics a Republican.

MRS. NANCY W. GILLILAND, P. O. Linesville, was born in Warren, Penn., September 15, 1821, daughter of Thomas T. and Margaret Page, who were born and brought up in Philadelphia, parents of ten children. They were good, Christian people, members of the Methodist Episcopal Church. Mr. Page, who had been a farmer all his days, died in 1849, his widow in 1853. Our subject, who is fifth in the family, was married in September, 1847, to Samuel Gilliland, a native of Conneaut Township, son of Samuel Gilliland, Sr., one of the very early settlers and farmers of Conneaut Township, the father of a large family. Samuel Gilliland, Jr., died in March, 1865, leaving his widow, our subject, over 140 acres of excellent land, most of which he and his sons cleared. He carried on a lumber business at one time in Warren County, Penn., in which he earned the money that bought his farm. Mrs. Gilliland is the mother of three children: William P., married and has a family; Frank L., also married and has a family; and Samuel D., who is single and lives with his mother, managing the old homestead which they still hold. Our subject managed to keep her children together after her husband's death, and raised them in a manner reflecting the highest credit on her. She and two eldest sons are members of the Disciple Church.

W. C. GRAHAM, farmer, P. O. Penn Line, was born on the farm where he now lives in Conneaut Township, this county, June 25, 1840; son of William and Nancy Crocket Graham, former a native of Pine Township, latter of Conneaut Township. this county. They were parents of six children, four now living. T. B. Graham, of Spring Township, this county, is one of the sons. William Graham, who was a farmer and who cleared 125 acres of land, died in March, 1870; his widow lives with our subject on the old homestead, having attained the ripe age of eighty years. Her father, Thomas B. Crocket, was a soldier in the Revolutionary war. Our subject, who is fourth in the family, received a common school education and was brought up on the farm. He was married October 6, 1859, to Miss Lucinda Jackett, a native of Cayuga County, N. Y., daughter of Isaac Jackett, who came to Crawford County about 1843. Three children have been born to this union: Dellie N., wife of H. F. Turner; Jay I. and Burton. Mr. Graham is a member of the A. O. U. W. and S. K., and along with his wife of the Patrons of Husbandry. He has on his farm some fine specimens of short horn cattle, the breeding of which he is making a specialty of and into which it is his intention to enter very extensively, his farm being well adapted for stock-raising. The strain of his short horns are from the celebrated J. F. King farm in Trumbull County, Ohio. Mr. Graham is a Democrat in politics.

HARLOW J. GREENFIELD, farmer, P. O. Conneautville, was born in Cayuga County, N. Y., October 7, 1823; son of Archibald and Catharine Greenfield and half-brother of Dr. R. N. Greenfield, whose biography appears below. Our subject received a common school training and taught school to some extent. He was married in April, 1849, to Miss Caroline Phelps, a native of Herkimer County, N. Y., and daughter of Benjamin Phelps, who settled in Crawford County in 1847, and sister of J. B. Phelps. To this union have been born five children, two now living: Sarah C., wife of P. S. Pease, and Archibald B. Mr. and Mrs. Greenfield are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church. Our subject came to Crawford County with his father in 1840. He had the misfortune to break his leg when in the saw-mill business, and in 1872 had three of his barns destroyed by lightning, entailing a loss of over $2,000. Mr. Greenfield has held several township offices; in politics is a Republican.

R. N. GREENFIELD, physician and surgeon, Penn Line, was born in Conneaut Township, this county, December 3, 1840; son of Archibald and Naoma Greenfield, former a native of Herkimer County, N. Y., latter of Massachusetts. They came to Crawford County in September, 1840, settling in Conneaut Township, where they cleared a farm of 100 acres heavily timbered land. They were members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, to which Mr. Greenfield had belonged for forty years before his death, which occurred in 1870. With the exception of three years the widow resided with her son, Dr. John W. Greenfield, of Spring, Penn., until her death, which took place August 27, 1884. Her connection with the Methodist Episcopal Church existed over sixty years. Mr. Greenfield had been a soldier in the war of 1812. They were parents of four children, of whom Dr. R. N. Greenfield is the eldest. He received a common school educaton before the war of the Rebellion broke out, and in 1862 he enlisted for nine months in the One Hundred and Thirty-seventh Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry attached to the First Corps Army of the Potomac. He was in the battle of South Mountain, Platt's Plantation, Chancellorsville and many other engagements, and was honorably discharged in June, 1863. During the winter of 1863-64 he attended the normal school and in April of the latter year he enlisted in the Second Pennsylvania

Heavy Artillery, serving in Burnside's Corps, Army of the Potomac. He participated in the battle of the Wilderness; was through the entire siege of Petersburg and finally at the capture of Lee's army. His company lost thirty-three men at Cold Harbor. Our subject was honorably discharged as Corporal in February, 1866, and in following spring commenced reading medicine with Drs. Dunn & Greene, Conneautville. In 1869 he graduated from the University of Michigan, after which he began the practice of his profession at Penn Line, where he has continued ever since, enjoying an excellent business and the confidence of the public. The Doctor was married in 1873 to Miss Jessie Maloney, a native of Crawford County, and daughter of James and Kate Maloney, natives of New York State and early settlers of Crawford County. To this union have been born two children, one now living—John C. Dr. Greenfield is a member of the G. A. R., A. O. U. W. and is an A. F. & A. M. In politics he is a Republican.

JOHN G. HOLMAN, farmer and dairyman, P. O. Conneautville, was born in Templeton, Mass., February 28, 1822; son of Jonathan and Susan T. (Greenleaf) Holman, also natives of Templeton, former of Scotch descent. They came to Crawford County, July 3, 1834, and settled on 176 acres of land in the woods in Conneaut Township, when but few roads were cut and deer, bears and wolves were plentiful. They were parents of twelve children, nine now living. Jonathan Holman was a mechanic, and to some extent made measures and boxes. He was, it is claimed, the original inventor of the screw propellor, but, like many other inventors, made no money out of it. He died in 1855, aged sixty-five years; his widow, who was a member of the Baptist Church, died March 21, 1883, aged eighty-six. Our subject, who is third in the family, is a natural mechanic and inventor, besides being an expert cheese-maker. He invented a sulky gang-plow, self-adjusting. As a practical manufacturer of cheese he has had thirty-one years of experience and has no superior. He received the first award of the State of Pennsylvania, and second award of the United States, as a practical factory cheese-maker, from the United States Commission at the Centennial, 1876. He operated a cheese factory on his own farm for about eight years. This was destroyed by fire November 21, 1881, entailing a loss of $2,000. Mr. Holman was married in 1847 to Miss Abigail Robins, a native of Crawford County, and daughter of Josiah Robins, an old settler of this county. He was a soldier of the war of 1812, stationed at Black Rock. To this union were born nine children, six now living, viz.: Sylvana J., wife of L. M. Nickles, Leonard S., Fred W., Minnie A., Mabel L. and Jessie L. Our subject and wife are members of the Latter Day Saint's Church. He is owner of 103 acres well-improved land.

WILLIAM G. JACKETT, farmer, P. O. Steamburgh, was born November 19, 1838, in Cayuga County, N. Y.; son of Isaac R. and Betsy E. Jackett, former a native of Chenango County, and latter of Cayuga County, N. Y. They came to Crawford County in 1848; were members of the Methodist Episcopal Church; parents of five children, all now living. Isaac R. Jackett was a merchant up to the time he came to this county, and then bought a farm in Conneaut Township. He was killed by a tree falling on him, first winter after coming. His widow here reared the children, although under great disadvantages, the family being very young and the country comparatively new. She is now living with her youngest child, Isaac F., in Conneaut Township. Our subject, who is the eldest, had but a limited education, having had to work hard. He was married in May, 1861, to Miss Augusta L. Weaver, a native of Onondaga County, N. Y., and daughter of Sylvester and Amadella Weaver. Four children have been born to this union, three now

living: Willie C., Charles and Ettie. Mr. and Mrs. Jackett are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church. He established a brick-yard in 1874, and has been making bricks extensively since; the machinery is worked by steam power. He has also a jelly factory in connection, and he finds a good patronage. Our subject is a member of the A. O. U. W., State Police, and I. O. O. F. In politics is a Democrat.

ANDREW JOHNSON, farmer, P. O. Conneautville, was born in Conneaut Township, this county, November 1, 1835; son of William and Margaret (Mellan) Johnson. He is the youngest in the family and was brought up on the farm. He enlisted in 1861, in Company I, Second Pennsylvania Cavalry, serving in the Army of the Potomac. He was in the second battle of Bull Run, and the engagement at Culpeper Court House, after which he was seized with typhoid fever, was sent to hospital and honorably discharged March 4, 1862, for physical disability. Mr. Johnson has never fully recovered from that illness. He was married March 13, 1869, to Miss Frances Spencer, a native of Chester, Ohio, and daughter of John B. Spencer, one of the early pioneers of this section. To this union were born four children: Eugenia May, John S., James G. and Roland A. Mrs. Johnson is a member of the Presbyterian Church. Our subject is owner of sixty-seven acres of well-improved land. He is a member of the R. T. of T., E. A. U. and G. A. R.; in politics is a Republican.

ISAAC LADNER, farmer and mechanic, P. O. Linesville, was born in Conneaut Township, this county, April 29, 1831, son of David and Betsy (Thorn) Ladner, natives of New Jersey, parents of nine children, eight now living. They were members of the Society of Friends or Quakers, which society they aided in establishing, in an early day, in Conneaut Township. David Ladner came with his father from New Jersey to this county in 1812, an ox team conveying them the whole distance. He was a chair-maker by trade, at which he worked to some extent. He took up fifty acres of wild land, which he cleared and improved. He held some of the township offices and took some interest in politics. He died August 14, 1869; his wife October 7, 1866. Our subject, who is the eighth of the family, received a common school education and learned the trade of plasterer in his younger days, which he has worked at considerably. He married, in 1852, Miss Rebecca Thorn, also a native of this township, and a daughter of David Thorn, who came to this county about 1812. Five children were born to this union: William T., Emma B., wife of Dexter Boon; Zilla M., Fred L. and DeWit C. Mr. and Mrs. Ladner and their son, William T., are members of the R. T. of T. Our subject is owner of 153 acres chiefly improved land, part of which is his grandfather's old homestead, and when not working at his trade has always followed farming. He makes a specialty of breeding Holstein cattle, of which he has some registered stock; has some graded short horn cattle, also Cotswold sheep. Mr. Ladner is liberal in his religious views, with a leaning toward Spiritualism. In politics he is independent.

HULBERT LANDON, farmer, P. O. Centre Road Station, was born in Luzerne County, Penn., April 19, 1818, son of Daniel and Nancy (Mitchell) Landon, who settled in Conneautville, this county, in 1836. They were members of the Methodist Church, in which Mr. Landon took special interest. Parents of fifteen children, seven now living. Daniel Landon was by trade a carpenter and joiner, as well as contractor and builder. He was a soldier in the war of 1812, and at one time Colonel in the State Militia. He died in 1880; his wife in 1864. Our subject, who is eldest in the family, received a good common school education and taught school two terms at an early day in

Illinois. He married, on January 1, 1839, Miss Delania S. Homer, a native of Orleans County, N. Y., and daughter of Benjamin Homer, who came to Crawford County in 1833, and was a prominent farmer of Conneaut Township. To this union were born four children, three now living, viz.: Benjamin D., Julia R., wife of Lewis Hill, and William H. Mr. Landon enlisted September 5, 1861, in Company H, Eighty-third Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, attached to the Fifth Corps Army of the Potomac. He was present at the second battle of Bull Run, Antietam and Fredericksburg; after which last named battle he was taken ill, sent to the hospital and was honorably discharged for physical disability March 30, 1863, and returned home. His son, Benjamin D., enlisted the same day and in the same regiment as his father, and was through the seven days' fight on the Peninsula, and was wounded at Malvern Hill in the right hip by a piece of shell. Was also in the second battle of Bull Run and the engagement at Antietam. He veteranized in the Second Pennsylvania Cavalry, and served all through the Wilderness, at the siege of Petersburg, and was present at Lee's surrender. After serving four years he was honorably discharged in 1865. Our subject and son are both members of the G. A. R. For about three years they, along with our subject's father, together acknowledged each quarter their vouchers for a pension at Conneautville. Mr. and Mrs. Landon are members of the R. T. of T. and the P. of H. He is owner of sixty-one acres of fine land, and is a member of the Evangelical Church. In politics he is a Republican.

JAMES A. LAWRENCE, farmer, P. O. Centre Road Station, was born in Conneaut Township, this county, January, 18, 1823; son of Luman and Mary (Crocket) Lawrence, former a native of the vicinity of Albany, N. Y., latter of Pennsylvania, parents of ten children, eight now living. Luman Lawrence, who was a farmer, came to Crawford County in 1815 and settled in Conneaut Township. He was a hard working pioneer and cleared a large area of land. He was an old line Whig in politics, son of a Revolutionary soldier. He died in 1867, his wife in 1845. Our subject, who is third in the family, had no educational advantages. He was married, May 5, 1846, to Miss Clarissa Moses, a native of Connecticut, who bore him six children, three now living: Lucy, wife of Almon Davoll (had one son deceased); Celestia, wife of Martin Spoull (had three sons, one deceased), and Charlotte, wife of John Hague (have two sons). Mrs Lawrence died in January, 1856; and in January, 28, 1858, our subject married Mrs. Mary Garwood, a native of Sadsbury Township, this county, widow of Aaron Garwood, and daughter of Abel Freeman, a native of New Jersey, and one of the very early settlers of western Crawford County. She had two children by her first husband, one now living, Samuel Garwood (he had three children, two now living). By her present husband she has had three children: Mary R., widow of Jacob Dickey (she has two sons and one daughter); Harriet C., wife of L. A. Couch (had two sons, one now living), and James M., married to Miss Minnie O'Neill, daughter of Dr. A. O'Neill, of Conneautville (they have one son, J. Glenn). The mother of Mrs. James A. Lawrence was also a native of Sadsbury Township, this county, and her maternal grandfather, William Campbell, was one of the very first settlers of that section. Mr. Lawrence owns 100 acres of well improved land, most of which he cleared himself. He was the first to introduce short horn cattle in Conneaut Township and of which he has made a specialty. In politics he is a Democrat.

ANSON LEONARD (deceased), second son of Asa and Esther (Brown) Leonard, was born in Worthington, Mass., January 28, 1800. He departed this life at his old home in Penn Line, Crawford County, August 28, 1872.

His father purchased property in Pierpont, Ohio, where he moved his family in 1812, and it was in schools of this township that the subject of the present sketch received most of his education, and taught many terms of school. In 1828 he was united in marriage with Miss Elizabeth Baker, daughter of Emerson and Elizabeth (Porter) Baker, who was born in Newburyport, Mass., in 1810. The children of this union are ten in number, viz.: Charlotte P., Mary L. (deceased), Esther E., Asa (deceased), Myra M., Byron S., M. D. (deceased), Hattie A., Emerson B., Lillian P., Bird A. Mr. Leonard had a decided literary mind, and upon all general subjects was well informed. He held the office of Justice of the Peace for many years. He served as a member of the State Legislature in 1850, and was the first Abolitionist member ever elected from Crawford County. He was a strong supporter of and an earnest worker in the Abolition cause.

REV. HENRY D. LOWING, minister of the Congregational Church, P. O. Centre Road Station, was born in Gainsville, N. Y., May 29, 1827; son of Stephen and Hannah (Cobb) Lowing, former born in Peru, N. Y., June 3, 1798, latter in Pawlet, Vt., June 13, 1794, parents of six children, three now living. They moved to the farm our subject now owns and lives on in Conneaut Township, this county, in 1834. William, father of Stephen Lowing, was born April 11, 1758, in Kingston, Jamaica, and came to this country when seven years of age. He was a Captain in the Revolutionary war and was present at the battles of Bunker Hill, Lexington, Concord, and was but a short distance from Gen. Warren when he fell; was at Valley Forge, battle of Monmouth, Trenton, and under Gen. LaFayette at the capture of the British batteries at the siege of Yorktown. About 1781 he was promoted to a Captaincy and was honorably discharged at the close of the war. Our subject's father was a farmer all his days, and with the assistance of his sons cleared the farm on which he settled. He and his wife were members of the Congregational Church. He was a Justice of the Peace ten years. He died November 28, 1871, his widow March 31, 1872. Our subject, who is fourth in the family, was married April 21, 1853, to Miss Nancy J. Pierce, a native of Conneaut, Ohio, and daughter of Lucius and Sarah A. (Vosburg) Pierce. To this union were born seven children, five of whom are now living, viz.: May C., wife of Cassius M. Potter; Frank C., of the Linesville *Herald;* Henry S., Samuel W. and Sarah J. Rev. Mr. Lowing received a common school education and at the age of seventeen entered the Kingsville Academy, which he attended two years. He taught school upward of twelve years and entered the ministry in 1856, since which time he has been an active worker in the Christian cause. He was elected a member of the State Legislature in the fall of 1878, remaining two terms; was a member of the Committees on Agriculture, Vice and Immorality, and Librarian first term; was Chairman of the Committee on Retrenchment and Reform, and a member of the Committee on Insurance and Banks, County and Township second term; was one of the members instrumental in getting the bill passed the House amending the Constitution so as to prohibit the sale and manufacture of liquor, but which was lost in the Senate. In politics he is a Republican with strong temperance proclivities. He joined the One Hundred and Fifty-fourth New York Volunteer Infantry as Chaplain September 23, 1862, serving till January 5, 1864, when he was honorably discharged for physical disability at Chattanooga, Tenn. His regiment was attached to the Eleventh Corps and he participated in the battles of Chancellorsville, Gettysburg and Mission Ridge.

SOLOMON LUKE, farmer, P. O. Centre Road Station, was born on the farm he now owns and lives on in Conneaut Township, this county, February

24, 1840; son of John and Charity (Ramore) Luke, natives of New Scotland, N. Y., and parents of twelve children. The father of John Luke was a soldier in the Revolutionary war and our subject has the powder horn he carried during that struggle. John came to Crawford County in 1829, and was engaged in farming all his life. He died in 1864. His widow, now in her eighty-fifth year, is living with her son, Solomon, on the old homestead; she is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church. Our subject, who is eighth in the family, received a common school education. He married, July, 1860, Miss Margaret C. McGuire, born in 1844, a native of Summerhill Township, this county, and daughter of Francis McGuire, one of the earliest settlers of western Crawford. To this union have been born three girls: Mary Adella, wife of Perry Mickle, born in 1861 (have one child, Katie, born in 1883); Jennie M., born in 1863; and Maggie C., born in 1866. Mr. Luke is a member of the R. T. of T. and the State Police; in politics a Republican. He is owner of fifty-one acres of well-improved land, his father's old homestead, where he carries on a general line of farming, buying, selling and shipping stock extensively, and is probably the largest dealer in western Crawford.

HIRAM A. MALONEY, farmer, P. O. Penn Line, was born in Mead Township, this county, July 4, 1833; son of James and Catharine (Flick) Maloney, former a native of Westmoreland County, latter of Susquehanna County, Penn. They were parents of nine children, five now living. James Maloney came from Westmoreland County, Penn., to this county with his parents, in August, 1797, making the journey through the wilderness on a pair of oxen, at which time Meadville was in the midst of a forest and almost unknown. He was a farmer all his days and cleared up a large farm in Mead Township, this county; held several township offices. His wife died in 1860; he died in 1863. Our subject's paternal grandfather, Daniel Maloney, was a native of Ireland. At the breaking out of the Revolutionary war, he was taken prisoner by the British while on board a merchant vessel, and after being exchanged he enlisted in the American Navy and served till the close of the war. He was present in several sharp naval engagements. Our subject, who is second in the family, received an academic education. He taught school in his younger days and learned the trade of carpenter, which, however, he worked at but little. In 1860 he went into the oil regions, where he operated with success until February, 1864, in which year he came to Conneaut Township, this county, and purchased his present farm. He was married in 1873 to Miss Myra M., daughter of Anson Leonard, whose biography appears in this volume. Four children were born to this union: Florence E., Charles H., Willie A. and Forest D. Mr. Maloney was a Justice of the Peace five years, and has held several township offices; has been an A. F. & A. M. since 1865; is a member of the A. O. U. W.; in politics is a Republican.

GEORGE V. MANNING, farmer, P. O. Centre Road Station, was born in Jackson, Mich., March 14, 1839; son of Abraham and Hannah Manning, natives of New York. The former, who was a farmer, died in 1848, and his widow married William Miller, a native of New Jersey; he came to Crawford County in 1834; was a farmer all his life; held several township offices and was a man of much usefulness in his day, having assisted in constructing all the roads in his section. He has now attained the ripe old age of eighty-one years. His first wife died in 1858 and is interred in the family burying ground on the farm, where also lie the remains of the only brother of Mrs. Manning. Our subject was married in February, 1862, to Miss Anna M. Miller, daughter of William Miller, above spoken of, born in Conneaut Township, this county, in 1836. Seven children have been born to this union, viz.: William

A., Stella E., George W., Charles B., Fred., Nellie H. and Annie M. Mr. Manning owns 160 acres of improved land and has always followed farming pursuits, excepting two years spent when a young man in a woolen factory. He is making a specialty of the breeding and raising of short horn cattle. He is a member of a Grange, the A. O. U. W. and State Police; has held several township offices; in politics is a Republican. The mother of our subject is a consistent member of the Presbyterian Church.

JOHN MAXWELL, farmer, P. O. Steamburgh, was born on the farm he now owns and lives on in Conneaut Township, this county, June 11, 1818; son of George and Elner (Martin) Maxwell, natives of Ireland. They settled on the same farm our subject now occupies, about 1815; were parents of seven children, three now living; were Protestants and good Christians, but had no opportunity in those early days of attending any church. Her father settled on a farm north of them in 1805. George Maxwell died in 1852, and his widow in 1859. Our subject received only a limited common school education. He learned the trade of carpenter when young, and worked at it for about seven years, since which he has been engaged in farming. He married in 1849 Miss Emeline Phelps, a native of New York State, and daughter of Chester Phelps, who is now living in South Penn Line. Six children were born to this union, four now living: Allen J., Chester, Sarah Jane (wife of Newman B. Thompson), and Emma. Mrs. Maxwell died in January, 1877. Mr. Maxwell, wife and two sons were charter members of the Methodist Episcopal Church at Steamburgh, of which our subject has been Trustee and Steward ever since its organization. He takes special interest in this church and in the Christian cause generally; he is owner of his father's old homestead, of 111 acres, well improved. His son, Allen J. is a graduate of Allegheny College and entered the ministry in the Methodist Episcopal Church in the fall of 1882. He is now preaching to an English congregation at Cawnpore, India.

ALVAH D. MILLER, farmer, P. O. Linesville, was born in Tioga County, N. Y., July 30, 1830, son of Seymour and Jerusha Miller, also natives of Tioga County; former a soldier of the war of 1812, father of nineteen children—twelve by his first wife, seven by his second; his father was a Revolutionary soldier. Our subject, who is the eighth child by first wife, was married February 15, 1855, to Miss Dinah Garwood, who was born on the farm she now lives on in Conneaut Township, this county, October 2, 1815, daughter of Obed Garwood, who came from Cumberland County, Penn., in 1798. His family numbered twelve children, Mrs. Miller being the only surviving representative of the most prominent old pioneer family of this township. Mr. Garwood built the first grist-mill in this section, and was engaged in milling business nearly all his life; he was owner of 500 acres at one time, and cleared by hard labor a large area of land. He was a cripple from birth, an earnest Christian, a member of the Seceder Church. He died in 1851, his wife in 1846. Our subject and wife are of the Baptist persuasion. She has seventy acres of well-improved land, part of her father's old homestead.

SAMUEL A. MILLER, farmer, P. O. Linesville, was born on the farm he now owns and lives on in Conneaut Township, this county, August 18, 1846; son of John M. and Almira (Brown) Miller, the former a native of Elizabeth, N. J., the latter of Canada. They came to this county about 1824, and settled in Conneaut Township; were parents of ten children, five now living, and were members of the Universalist Church. John M. Miller was a hard working man; he hauled lumber and shingles from this section to Conneaut Harbor on Lake Erie, and cleared a large area of land. He died in

1850, and his widow is now living with our subject on the old homestead. Two of their sons fought for the Union cause in the war of the Rebellion. Edson B. was a member of Company I, One Hundred and Forty-fifth Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, and was killed at the first battle of Fredericksburg. Our subject, who is ninth in the family, received a common school education. He enlisted, when seventeen years of age, in 1862, in Company H, One Hundred and Forty-fifth Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, and served under Gen. Hancock in the Second Corps, Army of the Potomac. He was in the battles of Antietam, Snickers' Gap and first Fredericksburg, where he was wounded through the right arm. He remained in a hospital at Fort Wood, N. Y. and returned to his regiment in July, 1863. He was afterward in the battles of Brandy Station, Mine Run, through the Wilderness campaign, including Cold Harbor and Spottsylvania Court House, through the siege of Petersburg, the capture of the Weldon Railroad and finally at the capture of Lee's army, besides several minor engagements; serving in all two years and ten months. He was honorably discharged June 5, 1865, and returned home. Our subject was engaged in the sale of nursery stock, and in the fire insurance business for several years. He was married, September 20, 1875, to Caroline L. Shaw, daughter of M. D. Shaw, whose biography appears in this work. He is a member, together with his wife, of the R. T. of T. and P. of H. Mr. Miller owns forty-five acres of land, part of his father's old homestead. He is a member of the G. A. R. In politics a Republican.

EDGAR PARTCH, farmer, P. O. Penn Line, was born in Ferrisburg, Vt., January 24, 1837; son of Esbon and Clarissa (Stearns) Partch, also natives of Ferrisburg, the former being of English lineage. They came to Crawford County in 1841, settling on a farm in Conneaut Township. They were members of the Baptist Church, which merged into the United Brethren Church, the congregation subsequently uniting with the Wesleyan Methodist. Esbon Partch was a hatter by trade and a farmer by occupation, and being a hard-working man, cleared a large area of land. He died in 1866. His widow now lives with her son Edgar, having attained the advanced age of eighty years. Our subject, who is the youngest son, received but a meager education. He learned the trade of carpenter by himself, and followed it in connection with farming from the time he was eighteen years old. He was married in 1858 to Miss Achsa Tanner, a native of Fowler, Ohio, and daughter of Elisha Tanner, who came to Crawford County in 1855. Her parents are both deceased. She died in 1859, and Mr. Partch then married, in April, 1861, Miss Mina Thompson, a native of Erie County, Penn., and daughter of William Thompson, now of Conneaut Township, Erie County. This union has resulted in three children: William E., Anna and Monnie. Our subject, wife and children are members of the P. of H. He is owner of 266 acres of land, nearly all cleared, part of which is his father's old homestead. He is now making a specialty of breeding short horn cattle. He is one of the principal stock-holders in the Farmers' Store Company (limited), of Conneaut Township. He is a member of the A. O. U. W., Masonic fraternity and State Police. In politics he is a Republican.

JULIUS PENFIELD, farmer, P. O. Penn Line, was born in Madison County, N. Y., May 4, 1816; son of Seth and Naamah (Staples) Penfield, natives of Connecticut, who came to Crawford County in 1834, settling in Conneaut Township. Seth Penfield was a blacksmith by trade, at which he worked to some extent in connection with farming. They were parents of eight boys, five of whom are now living. He died in 1870, his wife in 1861. Our subject, who is the fourth son, received but a limited education and was

brought up to farming life. He married, June 8, 1841, Miss Eliza McCann, a native of Dutchess County, N. Y., and daughter of John and Betsy McCann. Four children have been born to this union: John S., Elijah S., Adelbert H. and Sarah J., wife of Henry Sanderson. The sons were all soldiers in the war of the Rebellion. John S. served in the Second Ohio Battery throughout the campaign, becoming a veteran; Adelbert H. served eighteen months in the Second Pennsylvania Cavalry and was in several engagements; Elijah S. enlisted in the Second Pennsylvania Cavalry, serving three years, attached to the Army of the Potomac. He participated in several engagements, and was a prisoner in the Rebels' hands over six months; was confined in Libby, Belle Isle and Salisbury prisons, and when exchanged was barely alive and with difficulty survived; he was honorably discharged in 1865 and returned home. He married, in October, 1865, Miss Sarah A. Potter, daughter of George Potter. Two children were born to this union: Hubert A. and Ruby L. Elijah S. is a member of the G. A. R., P. of H. and A. O. U. W. Our subject owns 125 acres of fine land, all of which he cleared. In politics he is a Republican, as are also his three sons.

HENRY A. PENFIELD, farmer, P. O. Conneautville, was born in Conneaut Township, this county, July 1, 1847, youngest son of Julius and Eliza Penfield. Our subject received a common school education. When sixteen years of age he enlisted in Company E, Thirty-second Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, serving three months with the Army of the Potomac. Having contracted disease while in the front he was discharged for physical disability, but in 1864, his health being re-established to some extent, and his patriotism running high, he enlisted in the Second Pennsylvania Cavalry, and again served in the Army of the Potomac. He was engaged in the battles of Todd's Tavern, Beaver Dam, Ashland's Station, front of Richmond, Hanover Ferry, Old Church Tavern, Cold Harbor, Franklin Station, Prospect Hill, St. Mary's Church, Jerusalem Plank Road, and Malvern Hill, at which place he was sunstruck, which caused him to be sent to the hospital. On return to his regiment he was present at the battles of Ream's Station, Wyott House (two days) Boydtown Plank Road, Stony Creek, and finally at Lee's surrender; was honorably discharged in July, 1865, and returned home. In February, 1867, Mr. Penfield married Miss Freelove Fenner, a native of Conneaut Township and daughter of Morgan L. Fenner, an old settler of this section. To this union were born three children: Gussie, Lida, Byron. Our subject owns sixty-eight acres well-improved land with a handsome residence on same built in 1882. He is an A. F. & A. M., a R. T. of T., and member of the G. A. R.; in politics a Republican.

J. B. PHELPS, proprietor Phelps' Cheese Factory, and farmer, P. O. Conneautville, was born in Herkimer County, N. Y., December 12, 1836; son of Benjamin and Sarah (Greenfield) Phelps, former a native of Rensselaer, N. Y., latter of Herkimer County, N. Y. They came to Crawford County in 1847 and settled in Conneaut Township; were members of the Baptist Church; parents of nine children, eight now living. Benjamin Phelps was an extensive farmer; he died June 20, 1873, his wife, January 3, 1854. Our subject, who is the youngest in the family, received a good common school education. He enlisted in December, 1861, in the Second Pennsylvania Cavalry, Company I, attached to the Army of the Potomac; participated in the second battle of Bull Run and Gettysburg; was all through the Wilderness campaign; in the battle of Weldon R. R.; at Deep Bottom; throughout the siege of Petersburg, and finally at the surrender of Lee, besides being in several minor engagements. He was slightly wounded in the left groin at St.

Mary's Church; became veteran in 1864, and was honorably discharged July 13, 1865, as Quartermaster Sergeant. Mr. Phelps was married February 22, 1866, to Miss Lucy Allen, a native of Conneaut Township, and daughter of Daniel Allen. Two children have been born to this union: J. Guy and Sadie L. Our subject's cheese factory is located on his farm in Conneaut Township. It consumes the milk from about 500 cows and has a patronage which places Mr. Phelps at the head in the confidence of the public. He is a member of the Executive Committee of the Crawford County Agricultural Society; is an A. F. & A. M.; member of the G. A. R. and P. of H.; in politics a Republican. Mr. Phelps is owner of 150 acres of well-improved land.

GEORGE POTTER, farmer, P. O. Steamburgh, was born in Conneaut Township, this county, September 7, 1812; son of Samuel and Susannah Potter, natives of New Jersey, former of whom came to Crawford County in 1799, his family in 1801. They were parents of six children, all deceased except George, who is fifth in the family. The father of Samuel Potter was a Revolutionary soldier and died from wounds received at the siege of Yorktown. Samuel was a brick-maker by trade, but chiefly followed farming and stock dealing. He cleared about 150 out of 600 acres of land he owned. He died in 1866, his wife in 1864. Our subject received a limited education and was reared a farmer. He was married in 1834 to Louise Wilder, a native of Batavia, N. Y., sister of Hiram Wilder, of Spring Township, this county. Five children have been born to this union, four of whom are now living: Alonzo A., Franklin H., Mary J., who died in 1863 at the age of twenty-one years; Sarah A., wife of E. S. Penfield, and Caroline E., wife of George Huntley. Our subject and wife are charter members of the Methodist Episcopal Church at Steamburgh. Mr. Potter is emphatically a self-made man. In politics he is a Republican.

JOSEPH POTTER, farmer and carpenter and joiner, P. O. Linesville, was born in Conneaut Township, this county, April 29, 1823; son of Clark and Nancy (Fry) Potter, former a native of New York, latter of Centre County, Penn.; parents of five children, four now living; members of the Methodist Episcopal Church. Clark Potter is a descendant of one of four brothers who came here in a very early day, of English extraction. He came to this county in 1801, with his father, Samuel Potter, a soldier of the war of 1812, and whose father was killed in the Revolutionary war. Samuel Potter was born September 16, 1773, died September 18, 1865. Clark Potter was a farmer and cleared a farm in Conneaut Township. He died January 14, 1852; his wife, October 5, 1850. Our subject, who is the eldest in the family, settled on the farm where he now lives in Conneaut Township, in 1853. He worked at the trade of carpenter and joiner for forty years, in connection with farming; is owner of eighteen acres of improved land. He was married September 16, 1849, to Sarah Wiser, widow of Alva B. Wiser, and daughter of James and Phœbe (Meaker) Graham, former of whom was a brother of the father of Thomas Graham. To Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Potter were born four children, three now living: Cassius M., Sarah A., wife of H. W. Thompson, and Joseph A. One son, Gideon L., died at the age of twenty-three years. Our subject, wife and sons are members of the Congregational Church. Mr. Potter is a man of literary attainments. In politics is a Republican. Mrs. Potter had one son by her first husband, named Alva B., now residing in Hand County, Dakota.

PHILIP ROBERTSON, farmer, P. O. Centre Road Station, was born in Dryden, N. Y., May 16, 1808, son of George and Mary (Smith) Robertson, former a native of Scotland, latter of Saratoga County, N. Y., and a member

of the Baptist Church. They settled, about 1796, in Tompkins County, N. Y., where they died; were parents of thirteen children, seven now living. George Robertson was brought to America when an infant, learned the trade of carpenter, but, after settling in Tompkins County, followed farming. He was Captain of a militia company. Our subject, who is seventh in the family, had but a limited school training, although his brothers were well educated. He was married February 14, 1833, to Sarah, daughter of Chapman and Esther Fulkerson, and a native of Dryden, N. Y.; her parents were natives of Long Island. Her paternal grandfather was a soldier in the Revolutionary war. To this union were born three children: Mary E., deceased wife of A. M. Osborne; George C. and Daniel S., last two named married and living on farms adjoining their father's. Mary E. undertook to cross the plains with her husband with teams in about 1863, but died on the way. She left one son, Charles M., who was reared and educated by our subject and wife, and is now engaged in teaching in Colorado. Our subject came to Crawford County with his wife in 1835, and, although then "without a cent," in time purchased the farm he now resides on, which was partially cleared. He now owns eighty-six acres of fine, well-cleared land at Summit Station. Mr. Robertson in politics is a Democrat.

HENRY B. RUSHMORE, dealer in phosphates, and breeder of Berkshire hogs, was born in Conneaut Township, this county, April 13, 1839, son of John and Hannah (Moore) Rushmore, natives of New York, who came to this county in 1831. Our subject, who is second in the family, received a good common school education. He married, October 27, 1864, Miss Mary E. Irons, a native of Conneaut Township, born April 26, 1846, and daughter of James R. Irons, eldest brother of B. O. Irons. To this union were born two children: Alfred J. and Mabel A. Mrs. Rushmore is a member of the Baptist Church, and, along with her husband, of the order of P. of H. and R. T. of T. Mr. Rushmore owns 100 acres of well-improved land; is making a specialty of breeding Berkshire hogs, of which he has at present on hand some fine registered stock; is also raising a high grade of Cotswold sheep; is dealing to a considerable extent in the "Homestead Phosphates," manufactured at Detroit, Mich. In politics our subject is Republican.

W. E. SANDERSON, carriage maker, Steamburgh, was born in Bainbridge, Ohio, March 1, 1841, son of Edward W. and Nancy J. (Treet) Sanderson, former a native of New York, latter of Connecticut. They came to this county and settled in Conneaut Township in 1854; parents of five children. Edward W. Sanderson, a farmer, was an invalid during the last thirty years of his life. He died in 1876. The father of his widow was a soldier in the Revolutionary war. She is now living with her son, W. E., on the old homestead. She had the misfortune to break her arm when in her seventy-fifth year. Our subject, who is second in the family, had a common school education, and had to work hard when a boy. He enlisted, August, 1862, in the One Hundred and Thirty-seventh Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, attached to the Army of the Potomac; participated in the battles of Blue Ridge Gap, South Mountain, second battle of Fredericksburg and Chancellorsville. He served with the regiment ten months, and was honorably discharged. In February, 1864, our subject again enlisted, on this occasion in the Second Pennsylvania Cavalry, also attached to the Army of the Potomac, and engaged in the battles of the Wilderness, Beaver Dam Station, South Ann River, Meadow Bridge, Cold Harbor (where he was slightly wounded in the left foot), Trevilian Station, White House, and St. Mary's Church, where he was taken prisoner June 24, 1864. He was confined in Libby, Danville, Andersonville, Charleston, and

Florence prisons until paroled, March 6, 1865, when he returned to the Union lines in an almost famished condition. In addition to above named, Mr. Sanderson was in several minor engagements. He was honorably discharged May 15, 1865. He is a member of the G. A. R. In politics he is a Republican. He learned his trade of carriage-maker after leaving the army, and has since chiefly worked at that when his health permitted.

W. G. SCHERMERHORN, farmer, P. O. Conneautville, was born in Deerfield, Oneida Co., N. Y., May 4, 1821; son of Cornelius and Nancy Schermerhorn, natives of Oneida Co., N. Y.; parents of nine children, seven of whom are now living. Cornelius was a tanner and shoe-maker during the earlier part of his life, but subsequently followed farming pursuits. He was a cousin of President Martin VanBuren. He was a member of the order of Freemasonry during the Morgan excitement, remaining true to the order. He died October 5, 1883. His widow is now living on the old homestead in New York State. The name "Schermerhorn" is of Holland origin and our subject's ancestors came from a place by that name in Holland many years ago. Our subject, who is eldest in the family, learned the trade of carpenter when a young man, at which he has chiefly worked until within the past few years. He was married in 1851 to Miss Abigail Fenner, a native of Herkimer Co., N. Y., and to this union have been born two sons: Hayden A. and John C. Mr. and Mrs. Schermerhorn came to Crawford County in February 1854, settling in Conneaut Township. He is owner of seventy-five acres of well-improved land and is making a specialty of breeding Holstein cattle. In politics he is a Republican. The father of Mrs. Schermerhorn was a soldier in the war of 1812; he was a miller and farmer, and died when she was but ten years old.

DANIEL D. SPALDING, farmer, P. O. Linesville, was born in Oxford County, Conn., October 3, 1807; son of John and Martha (Denison) Spalding. John Spalding was an educated man and a school teacher, also a singing teacher in an early day in Connecticut. He was a brother of Solomon Spalding, who, it is asserted, wrote a religious tale corresponding with Joseph Smith's (the founder of Mormonism) "Book of Mormons," and entitled "The Manuscript Found." After Spalding's death, the manuscript fell into the hands of one Sidney Rigdon, an intimate acquaintance of Joseph Smith. Our subject's mother, while living in Springfield Township, Erie Co., Penn., was attacked by Indians in her home, but she managed to escape into the woods with her four small children, leaving the Indians to pillage the house. Daniel D. Spalding came to this county in 1827, and settled in Conneaut Township when there were only three houses by the road, between his place and Conneautville. He first took up seventy-five acres of land which he cleared, and at one time owned 175 acres, all of which he accumulated by hard work and industry. Mr. Spalding was married in 1832 to Miss Alathear Whaley, a native of Schuyler, Herkimer Co., N. Y., and daughter of Thomas Whaley, who came to Crawford County in 1817, settling in Conneaut Township. He was a soldier in the war of 1812, a shoe-maker and farmer. To Mr. and Mrs. Spalding were born three children, two now living: Mrs. Eunice A. Barnum and Lemuel D. Our subject is member of no church, although brought up a Baptist. Was an old line Whig until the formation of the Republican party, since when he has nailed his flag to that mast. Mrs. Eunice A. Barnum's mother's father had a family of eight children—six daughters and two sons. Her father's father had a family of ten children—six daughters and four sons.

WILLIAM C. SPRAGUE, farmer, P. O. Centre Road Station, was born in Fabius, Onondaga Co., N. Y., October 27, 1804; son of John and Rhoda

(Crittenden) Sprague, former a native of Massachusetts, latter of Vermont. They were parents of five children, two now living. John Sprague was a tanner and currier, which trade he worked at certain times in the year and was engaged in farming the balance. He was a soldier in the war of 1812. His wife died about 1835. Our subject moved to Crawford County in 1837, with his wife, and settled in Summerhill Township. He married in April, 1828, Miss Amanda Lord, a native of New York State. She died in 1842 and our subject then married, in 1846, Miss Elizabeth Ransom, daughter of Robert Ransom, of Erie Co., Penn. One child was born to this union—William R., a native of Summerhill Township. Mrs. Sprague died December 13, 1872. William R. married, October, 1877, Miss Ella Kazebee, a native of Conneaut Township, and daughter of John Kazebee. Her grandfather, William Johnson, was among the very earliest settlers in this section. One daughter was the result of this union, named Floy; she died July 26, 1883. This couple are living with our subject and caring for him in his old age. The youngest brother of our subject, Franklin, shot himself by accident in November, 1844, while hunting in the woods, and his body was not discovered for three days afterward. Our subject owns sixty-two acres of well-improved land; he is a member of the Patrons of Husbandry; held the office of Justice of the Peace five years; in politics is a straight Democrat.

ADAM STEFFEE, farmer and Bank Director, P. O. Linesville, was born in Venango County, Penn., December 17, 1833, son of Adam and Sarah (Stroup) Steffee, natives of Bellefonte, Penn., parents of nine children, five now living; members of the Church of God. The name Steffee is of German extraction. Adam Steffee, who had been engaged in farming all his days, was located in a rich oil region, and he finally sold his farm of 230 acres for oil purposes. He died in October, 1878; his widow, March 29, 1883. Our subject, who is the seventh in the family, received but a limited education, being kept close to work when a boy. He married, in June, 1853, Catharine Dougherty, a native of Huntingdon County, Penn., and daughter of Edward Dougherty, a native of Harrisburg, Penn., and a soldier of the war of 1812. The result of this union was six children, viz.: Joanna, wife of Alexander McDonald; Sarah M., Martha J., Adam E., John S. and Mary E. Our subject, wife and daughter Mary E. are members of the Baptist Church; Joanna and Sarah M., of the Catholic Church. Mr. Steffee came to this county and settled on his present farm of 120 acres improved land in Conneaut Township in 1873, and built a fine residence thereon in 1881. He keeps a high grade of cattle and sheep. He is a Director and one of the principal stockholders of the Linesville Savings Bank; in politics a Republican; a strong advocate of temperance. The father of Mrs. Steffee owned a farm of 100 acres; he was noted for honesty and integrity; a miller by occupation, and father of a family of eight children, all now living.

MRS. SARAH STEVENS, P. O. Centre Road Station, was born in Mercer County, Penn., March 5, 1833, daughter of Abraham and Catharine (Carringer) Kazebee, former a native of New York, latter of Pittsburgh, Penn. Abraham Kazebee was a shoe-maker by trade, at which he worked until his marriage, when he commenced farming. He and his wife were members of the Presbyterian Church, parents of six children, of whom our subject is the youngest. She was married September 8, 1859, to George L. Stevens, a native of Conneaut Township, this county, and a son of Nathen Stevens, one of the old pioneers of this section. He sent four sons to the Union Army during the war of the Rebellion, two of whom returned home; the other two were killed. George L. Stevens enlisted in 1861 in Capt. Mason's Company, One

Hundred and Forty-fifth Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, serving in the Second Corps under Gen. Hancock. He passed through all the hardships and battles of that glorious regiment, and was killed while on picket duty at Cold Harbor, June 4, 1864. He was a good soldier, and laid his life down that the Union might live. His brother, Thomas B., was a member of the Second Pennsylvania Cavalry, and was killed early in 1864. Mrs. Stevens had two sons: John R., married to Miss Ella Walton, May 26, 1880 (she is a native of Conneaut Township, and daughter of Levi Walton); and Manual G., born September 25, 1861, and died November 8, 1861. John R. was educated mainly at the Soldiers' Orphan School at Titusville, and Mercer, Penn. Our subject is owner of twenty acres of well-improved land, with a handsome residence on same, built in 1882. She resides with her son on the old homestead her husband owned when he went in the army. Mrs. Stevens has seen some hard times, having had a great deal of sickness. She enjoys a pension.

BENJAMIN STIMPSON, farmer, P. O. Steamburgh, was born in Conneaut Township, this county, January 3, 1842, son of Thomas and Susan (Hayes) Stimpson, former a native of Yorkshire, England; latter of Canajoharie, N. Y. They came to this county in 1839, and were the parents of two sons and two daughters. The eldest son, Ira, enlisted in 1861 in the Second Ohio Calvary, serving in all nearly five years, chiefly in the Western Army; was in many engagements, passed through the hardships encountered by that glorious regiment, and was honorably discharged at the close of the war as First Sergeant. The mother of our subject died in January, 1881. The father is now living in his eighty-first year, a consistent member of the Methodist Church. Benjamin Stimpson, the youngest in the family, enlisted September 3, 1861, in the Eighty-third Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, serving with the Army of the Potomac under Gen. Porter. He participated in the battles of Little Bethel and Hanover Court House, the seven days' fight before Richmond, on the Peninsula and the battle of Gaines' Mill, where he was wounded by a minie ball passing through both lungs. The bullet entered his right side, and came out on his left. He was also wounded in the left thigh at the same time. Mr. Stimpson was there taken prisoner, and had to remain nine days before having his wounds dressed, and when that was being done a silk thread was passed through his body in the track of the bullet, which brought out a piece of his blouse. Our subject was held prisoner thirty days, during which he suffered untold hardships. When he was again able to stand upright and was convalescent, he weighed only eighty-five pounds; he now weighs 216 pounds. In the ambulance that conveyed him off the field were three other wounded men who all died. Being exchanged he was honorably discharged on account of physical disability, and returned home in December, 1862. Mr. Stimpson then went West, where he remained until 1863; then came to the oil country of Pennsylvania and New York, where he was engaged in buying and selling oil and contracting for wells as well as producing oil, meeting with much success for a time, but reverses came and he lost all. Recuperating, however, part of his fortune, he bought his present farm of fifty acres of improved land. Our subject was married October 2, 1883, to Miss Florence Nixon, a native of Avon Springs, N. Y. He is a member of the I. O. O. F., and K. of P.

MRS. ANGELINE THOMPSON, Linesville, was born in Dryden, N. Y., December 20, 1813, daughter of John and Catharine Weaver, natives of New York, who came to Conneaut Township, this county, in 1833, parents of fourteen children, three now living. John Weaver, who was lame, was a tailor by trade, at which he worked the greater part of his life. He took up a

farm of fifty acres woodland, which he cleared. His father was a soldier in the Revolutionary war. Our subject, who is the twelfth in the family, taught school for several terms before her marriage, which occurred in 1837 with Marcus Thompson. He was a native of Vermont, son of Isaac Thompson, who came to Crawford County in an early day. This union resulted in eight children, five now living, viz.: Mary, wife of Daniel C. Clark; Catharine, wife of Daniel C. Landon; Ann; Clarissa, wife of George H. Peck, and Henry W. Their son, William, was a soldier in an Ohio regiment during the war of the Rebellion, and died in hospital at Nashville, Tenn., of disease contracted while in the service. Mr. Thompson, husband of our subject, enlisted in the Eighty-third Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, serving in the Army of the Potomac. He was killed at the battle of Spottsylvania Court House, May 8, 1864. His widow enjoys a pension. Mrs. Thompson and her third daughter are living together.

MRS. BRIDGET WALSH, P. O. Linesville, was born in Ireland, February 1, 1834, and came to America in 1854. She was married October 14, 1861, in St. John's Cathedral, Cleveland, Ohio, to Martin V. Walsh, born on the farm where our subject now lives, in Conneaut Township, this county, May 6, 1836, son of Philip Walsh, who was born May 24, 1800, in Ireland. Philip came to America in 1820, settling for a time in Plainfield, N. J., where he married a Miss Senith Shortle. They came to this county about 1825. Mrs. Walsh dying, Philip married for his second wife Miss Martha Davis, a native of North Shenango Township, this county, and daughter of Patrick Davis, an early settler of that section. His third son, Thomas Walsh, was thoroughly educated at Mt. St. Mary's Academy, Emmittsburg, Md., intended for the priesthood, but he died just before his ordination, in April, 1863. Philip Walsh was a farmer all his days. He cleared the greater part of 175 acres of land, which he at one time owned. He died October 29, 1880, a consistent member of the Catholic Church. Martin V. Walsh, who was his third child by his second marriage, was also a farmer all his life. There are also two other surviving sons of Philip Walsh: Richard, living on part of his father's farm, and Patrick, living in the State of Iowa, both having large families. Mrs. Walsh is the mother of five children, four now living, viz.: Martha E., Thomas L., Teresa M. and Blacala A. Our subject and all the family are members of the Catholic Church. Martin V. Walsh died December 28, 1879, leaving his widow and children 125 acres of excellent land, part of his father's old homestead.

SAMUEL P. WARRINER, farmer, P. O. Centre Road Station, was born in Gainsville, N. Y., September 30, 1823, son of Chester and Drusilla Warriner, natives of Vermont. The former, by trade a carpenter and joiner, but by occupation a farmer, was a soldier of the war of 1812; his father was a Revolutionary soldier. The parents came to Crawford County in 1834, settling on 100 acres of land in Conneaut Township, which our subject assisted in clearing. They were the parents of three sons and two daughters. Formerly adherents of the Presbyterian body, they became members, latterly, of the Congregational Church, in which Chester was a Deacon. He died July 10, 1863, and his widow followed him February 5, 1869. Our subject, who is the youngest in the family, received an academic education, and taught school nine winters. He married, in 1847, Miss Keziah W. Kennedy, a native of Allegany County, N. Y., born October 4, 1823, and daughter of Gerden Kennedy. They came to Crawford County in 1832, and settled in Conneaut Township. Mr. Kennedy was a prominent farmer, and both he and his wife were charter members of the Presbyterian Church. Our subject and wife are the parents of two chil-

dren: Hattie, and Sakie L., wife of J. A. Potter. They are members of the Congregational Church. Our subject served as Justice of the Peace five years; is owner of fifty acres of well-improved land, part of his father's old homestead. In politics he is a Republican, and is a strong advocate of prohibition.

MRS. ELIZABETH R. WRIGHT, P. O. Penn Line, was born in New Jersey, October 7, 1820, daughter of Isaac Wintermute, a soldier of the war of 1812, who came to Crawford County when a young man, immediately before that war, and took up 200 acres of land on Conneaut Creek, in this township, which he cleared and improved. He then returned to New Jersey, married, and brought his young wife to his new home. They were the parents of seven children, four now living; were members of the Presbyterian Church, of which he was a charter member, at Conneaut Centre. She died in 1829, and he followed her August 3, 1833. Our subject, who is third in the family, was married July 24, 1841, to William Wright, a native of Louisville, N. Y., born March 4, 1816, and son of Aaron Wright, a soldier of the war of 1812. To this union were born fourteen children, eleven now living, viz.: Mary E., wife of Hiram Branch; Oscar, a three months' soldier toward the close of the war of the Rebellion; Flora, wife of R. M. Dunham; Clara J., wife of John Sillaway; Charlotte, wife of D. Bean; Charles; Jennie and Jessie (twins), the latter wife of C. Ryan; Isa, wife of L. W. Branch; Juliana, and Henry A., the youngest. W. H. was a soldier during the war of the Rebellion, in the One Hundred and Forty-fifth Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry; he died in 1863 from disease contracted during service. Mr. Wright taught school many years after coming to Crawford County. He held the position of Justice of the Peace fifteen years, and has filled several other township offices. He all his life followed farming; a man of integrity and influence. He died May 31, 1878. Mrs. Wright resides on the old homestead of 106 acres improved land.

CUSSEWAGO TOWNSHIP.

ELIAS BARNS, farmer and mechanic, P. O. Crossingville, was born March 19, 1820, in Victor, Ontario Co., N. Y. His parents, Jonathan J. and Lovina (Bradley) Barns, settled in Girard Township, Erie County, in 1832, and helped develop the resources of that country. This family was established in the United States by Thomas Barns, who emigrated from England to Norfolk, Conn., in the early history of the colonies. Silas Barns and Zolman Bradley, our subject's grandfathers on both sides, were Revolutionary soldiers. Our subject married Miss Parmelia Peet, October 28, 1841. She was born June 23, 1824, in Portage Township, Allegany Co., N. Y.; her parents, Lewis and Margaret (Gerhart) Peet, became pioneers in Cussewago Township, this county, in 1840. Their children are Mrs. Martha P. Carnahan, Mrs. Anna L. Sperry; Mrs. Margaret Liephart, deceased; Arthur, deceased; Byron B., of Wood County, Ohio; Mrs. Elmina A. Daniels; Charles, in Michigan; Mrs. Ella V. Heard and David P. After their marriage Mr. and Mrs. Barns settled on the farm which he had been engaged the previous summer in clearing up and improving. By industry and good management they have built up a property of eighty acres of well-improved land. Mr. Barns is a carpenter by trade; he erected many buildings in the surrounding townships, and built the house in

which he now resides. Mr. Barns has been a Representative to the State Grange; is a Methodist; in politics originally a Whig, now a Republican.

CHARLES A. BENNETT, deceased, was a native of Stephentown, Rensselaer Co., N. Y., born October 5, 1794, son of Israel and Ruth (Brown) Bennett. He married Miss Laura Jewett, a native of Connecticut, born June 27, 1805, daughter of Ira and Elizabeth (Warren) Jewett. The result of this union was seven children: Mrs. Charity A. Liephart; Mrs. Lucy J. Sexton; Edwin L.; Israel J., deceased; Alonzo H. W.; Mrs. Cordelia F. Frontz, deceased, and Mrs. Laura B. Davis. Mr. Bennett had formerly been married to Miss Luana Hilt, of Stephentown, N. Y., who died leaving seven children, five now living, viz.: Mrs. Jeanette Brace, in Missouri; Mrs. Lavonia M. Hall, in Grand Rapids, Mich.; Mrs. Luana J. Hills, in Grand Rapids, Mich.; Emily A., wife of A. B. Pullman, in Chicago; and William H., in Erie County, Penn. After living in Clarendon, Orleans Co., N. Y., some years, our subject and family came to this county, and settled in Cussewago Township, October 11, 1847. Here Mr. Bennett purchased land and began developing a farm. On this there was an old mill site, with an old saw and grist-mill. On these he made repairs, and when complete, operated them, converting the grist-mill into a saw-mill in about two years. He manufactured lumber for the home market and for shipment abroad, chiefly to Pittsburgh, selling there at that time first class pine lumber for $7.50 per thousand, while at the mill it was $5.00. About 1860 he took two sons, Edward L. and Alonzo H. W., into partnership with him, and they then built a large steam mill near the old site in 1864. Mr. Bennett died July 30, 1871, since which time the business has been carried on by his sons. Mrs. Bennett is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church. In politics our subject was a life-long Republican.

EDWIN L. BENNETT, lumber manufacturer, Mosiertown, was born September 25, 1839, in Clarendon, Orleans Co., N. Y.; son of Charles A. Bennett. Our subject came to Cussewago Township, this county, with his father's family in 1847, and here received his education. He married Miss Ellen A. Taylor, daughter of David Taylor, of Beaver Centre, Penn., January 1, 1868, and their children are Millicent Eugenie, Rush E., Emma G., and Nellie B. Our subject engaged at eighteen years of age as partner with his father in the saw-mill, having worked in the mill from early boyhood. At his father's death he and his brother, Alonzo, took entire charge of the establishment, and he now owns the saw-mill department entirely himself. He does an extensive business, extending to the surrounding townships, besides supplying the local trade; ships also to New York, Philadelphia and Baltimore. Mr. Bennett has also a fine farm of 120 acres well-improved land, known as the Job Potter farm. Our subject takes a deep interest in the cultivation and improvement of fine stock on his place, and makes a specialty of Durham and Jersey cattle. He has some very fine thoroughbred animals. His farm is very productive, having yielded 140 bushels of corn and 400 bushels of potatoes per acre. Mr. Bennett is a first-class business man and a citizen of wide influence in the community; in politics he is a Republican.

GILBERT K. BENNETT, retired farmer, Mosiertown, was born in 1801 in Stephentown, Rensselaer Co., N. Y. He married, October 21, 1830, Miss Mary E. King, born in 1807. They came to this county and settled in Cussewago Township in 1851. They lived on a farm on Cussewago Creek, and Mr. Bennett carried on extensive lumbering interests. Their children are George G., in Bradford, Penn.; John K., Superintendent of Pullman cars, Buffalo, N. Y.; Ann Mary; Lydia Gertrude and Clara Emma, besides four deceased. Mr. and Mrs. Bennett owned and carried on the Cussewago

House for several years, during which time he held the appointment of Postmaster of that place. Mr. and Mrs. Bennett are consistent members of the Baptist Church, having been faithful in the cause for over fifty years. Their golden wedding was celebrated October 21, 1880, by many friends. He is a hearty, well-preserved old pioneer, a man of upright integrity, enjoying the highest respect of the entire community; in politics he is a Democrat.

HENRY P. BOGGS, lumberman, Mosiertown, was born August 15, 1833, in Woodcock Township, this county. His father, Benjamin E. Boggs, a native of New Jersey, born January 1, 1790, passed his boyhood in Philadelphia. He married Miss Elizabeth Burkhaulter, of Lehigh County, Penn. She was a descendant of one of the "Mayflower" Pilgrims, born April 10, 1796. They settled in this county in about 1829, where Benjamin E. followed his trade as tanner and currier. He died in 1867; his widow in 1872. Our subject learned the tanner and currier trade in Meadville, Penn. He married Miss Juliana Woodring, February 21, 1856. She was born September 10, 1835, in Cussewago Township, this county, and is a daughter of Samuel Woodring. After their marriage they settled in Mosiertown, where they still reside. Mr. Boggs has operated a tannery here, and carried on a boot and shoe establishment for twenty-seven years. He held the appointment of Postmaster from 1865 to 1872, having filled the position of Deputy four years previously. From 1873 to 1880 he was prospecting in the oil regions of Pennsylvania, and in 1881 he went to Morgan County, Tenn., where he carried on an extensive lumbering business. Mrs. Boggs is a consistent member of the Baptist Church. Mr. Boggs is an A. F. & A. M.; a life-long Republican, having cast his first vote for Fremont, and has voted for Republican Presidents ever since.

JOHN W. BRADISH, farmer, P. O. Mosiertown, was born May 11, 1850, in Hayfield Township, this county. His father, John Bradish, son of the famous pioneer of Erie County, Penn., Walter Bradish, came to this county in 1842. He married Miss Mary Page, a native of Spring Township, this county, and in 1865 they moved from Hayfield Township and settled near Mosiertown, where they resided the remainder of their lives. Their children are Mrs. Dolly Heath, of Elk Creek Township, Erie Co.; John W., and Mrs. Mary A. Hites, of Elk Creek Township, Erie County. Our subject received his education principally in the schools of Mosiertown. He married Miss Louisa, born in Cussewago Township, this county, daughter of Elihu Hotchkiss, August 29, 1871. She was born May 1, 1850. They have one son—Willis. Mr. Bradish has a fine farm of 100 acres of well-improved land. He is a life-long Republican. Mr. Bradish is an energetic, enterprising young farmer; is highly respected by the entire community.

EDWIN G. CUTLER, proprietor of Cutler House, Crossingville, was born June 3, 1833, near Rutland, Vt. His father, Gilbert Cutler, married Sarah McConnell, by whom he had seven children, viz.: Joel Barnard, deceased; Henry S., of Edinboro, Penn.; Edwin G.; Franklin D., deceased; Mrs. Sarah L. Brandt, of Montgomery City, Mo.; Mrs. Lucy J. Tabor; Carrie E., deceased. Mr. Cutler started with his family in 1837, intending to go to Michigan. Leaving his family at Girard, Penn., he went to Michigan, purchased 280 acres, eighty acres of which is the present site of Jackson. He finally gave up his possessions there and remained in Girard, where he kept a hotel for several years, spending an interval of a few years of that time on a farm near that place. In 1845 he moved to Crossingville, where he purchased the hotel and a farm adjoining. Here he lived until his death, January 14, 1871. His widow followed him October 3, 1876. Our subject remained with his parents,

not forming any matrimonial alliance. He now owns the hotel property known as the Cutler House, besides a farm of 100 acres adjoining the village, and one of fifty acres in Erie County. Mr. Cutler is a member of the Western Crawford Lodge, F. & A. M., of Conneautville; in politics he is a Republican.

JAMES DAVIS, farmer, P. O. Crossingville, was born December 19, 1812, in Cussewago Township, this county. His father, Rev. Isaac Davis, came to this township from New Jersey, in 1795, and here settled. He here married Miss Nancy Lewis, a native of Maryland. Their children are James, Mrs. Zeruah Boyde, and Mrs. Elizabeth Thayer, besides four deceased. Mr. Davis was one of the pioneer preachers of the Baptist Church. He died June 20, 1859; Mrs. Davis died June 10, 1838. Our subject married May 25, 1837, Miss Elizabeth Erwin, born February 9, 1818, in this township. Their children are Erwin; Hiram; Mrs. Julia A. Stevens, of Salida, Col.; Kiz; Zachariah T.; Elizabeth; James Fred; Mrs. Rose Clark and Jessie Maud. They settled on their present farm in 1844. Here by industry and good management they acquired a farm of 225 acres of well-improved land, part of which they have donated to their children. Mr. Davis served his township in various positions, and held the office of School Director three terms; in politics he is a Republican.

SETH DONAHUE, farmer, P. O. Mosiertown, was born August 14, 1843, in Cussewago Township, this county, and is a son of James Donahue. He enlisted in August, 1862, in the One Hundred and Thirty-seventh Regiment, Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, and served in the Virginia campaigns in the Army of the Potomac. He was engaged in the battles of Chancellorsville, Antietam, Fredericksburg and several skirmishes. At the close of his service he re-enlisted in April, 1863, in Company A, One Hundred and Eleventh Regiment, Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, serving until the close of the war. He was a faithful soldier and has an honorable record. Mr. Donahue married Mary M. Joslin, September 9, 1866, and their children are Wilson, Bertha, and Ora. Our subject owns a farm of eighty acres of land; he has held several township offices, always discharging his duties satisfactorily to the people; in politics a Republican. Mr. Donahue is a man of upright integrity and good standing in this community.

LEONARD ERWIN, farmer, P. O. Mosiertown, was born January 30, 1803, in Cussewago Township, this county. His father, Robert Erwin, came here from Northumberland County, Penn., in 1797, and married Elizabeth Strauss, of Virginia. Of their ten children, five are now living, viz.: Leonard; James, in McKean County, Penn.; Mrs. Lydia Townley; Mrs. Elizabeth Davis and Mrs. Julia A. Mills, in Iowa. Mrs. Erwin died October 11, 1856; Mr. Erwin in October 1858. Our subject married, March 6, 1828, Sarah, daughter of Arnold Freeman. She died November 28, 1835, leaving three children: Gilbert, Mrs. Elizabeth Mosier, and Albert. Mr. Erwin next married Miss Keziah Allee, November 9, 1836. She was born within the limits of Hayfield Township, this county, January 5, 1817. Her father, John Allee, was an early settler in that township. Mr. Erwin settled where he now resides, in 1828. He has here a fine farm of 104 acres, and takes an interest in breeding Durham cattle. He has served the people in most of the township offices. In early times he held the rank of Captain in the Volunteer Militia. In politics Mr. Erwin is a Republican. Mrs. Erwin is a member of the Baptist Church.

AROLD FREEMAN, farmer, P. O. Mosiertown, was born July 24, 1807, in Woodbridge, Middlesex Co., N. J. His father, Arold Freeman, born in 1770, married Miss Sarah Edgar. They located in Cussewago Township, this county, in 1816, and here settled and improved the large farm where Thomas

Best now resides. Mrs. Freeman died May 13, 1834; Mr. Freeman January 7, 1836. They were very upright, respected pioneer citizens, and left an honored name to posterity. They had eleven children, viz.: Mrs. Dilla Thornell, Mrs. Mary Stelle, Mrs. Isabel Farland, Mrs. Rachel Thickstun, Mrs. Elizabeth Anderson, Mrs. Sarah Erwin, Arold, Edgar, Thomas, Mrs. Jane Erwin and Martha, all deceased except Arold. Our subject married Mary Davis, November 23, 1833. She died January 10, 1877, leaving seven children: Mrs. Dilla Patterson, of Kansas; Mrs. Julia Clark, of Michigan; Mrs. Elvira Fuller, of Michigan; William; Thomas; Jeffrey, and Arold A., who is Alderman of the Fourth Ward, Erie, Penn. Mr. Freeman acquired a fine farm of 150 acres of well-improved land; in religion he is a Universalist; in politics a Republican.

MANNING T. FREEMAN, farmer, P. O. Crossingville, was born August 9, 1825, in Cussewago Township. His father, Edgar E. Freeman, was born in 1794, in Middlesex County, N. J., and came to this county with his father, Arold Freeman, Sr., in 1816. Here his mother, Sarah, died in 1834, and his father in 1836. Arold, Jr., now seventy-eight years of age, is their only son now living out of ten children. He married Miss Mary Davis, who died January 10, 1877, leaving seven children. Edgar Freeman married Joanna, daughter of George Heard. They raised eleven children. Two of their sons, Ephraim and Asa, were soldiers in the Eighty-third Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, and were killed July 2, 1862, at Malvern Hill. Two of their daughters, Mrs. Mary Hotchkiss and Mrs. Sarah Meabon, live in Erie County, Penn. Edgar died May 12, 1848. Their son James E. went to Kansas at seventeen years of age and provided a home for his mother, where she lived until her death, February 18, 1872. He then married Miss Martha Graves, of Cuba, N. Y., November 9, 1873, and now resides on his farm of 240 acres in Riley County, Kan. Manning T., our subject, married Miss Juliann Stelle, September 3, 1846, who died January 14, 1868, leaving seven children: Benjamin, in Michigan; Mrs. Mary S. Maxon; Mrs. Josephine Williams; Mrs. Ella A. Kennedy; Mrs. Isadore Ehrett, of West Virginia; Manning and Asa at home. Mr. Freeman then married Miss Ann Maria Whitford, March 9, 1869. She was born August 1, 1839, in Jefferson County, N. Y. They have three sons: Edward W., Robert W. and Charles M. Mrs. Freeman is a Sabbatarian, Mr. Freeman a Universalist, and keeps the seventh day. He owns 180 acres of land; in politics is a Republican.

LOT D. FREEMAN, farmer, P. O. Venango, was born June 12, 1833, in this county, and is a son of William and Lucinda (Spaulding) Freeman. He married Miss Lucy Thompson in 1855, by whom he had five children, of whom three are living: William, George and Savilla. George attended the State Normal School at Edinboro, Erie County, and taught several terms. He now holds an office on the U. S. iron steamer S. Michigan, on Lake Erie. After the death of Mrs. Freeman Mr. Freeman married Miss Mary Thompson. They have three children: Charles, Byron and Kay. Mr. Freeman has here a fine farm of eighty acres, which he improved mostly himself. He takes especial interest in his dairy and in raising fine Chester hogs. He has served his township as School Director, and in various minor offices. Mr. Freeman takes an interest in the education of his children. In politics he is a Greenbacker.

SAMUEL D. FULLERTON, merchant, Mosiertown, was born October 28, 1850, in Rockdale Township, this county, where his parents, David L. and Elizabeth Fullerton, still reside. Our subject was brought up on his father's farm, and attended the schools of the home district. October 2, 1872, he married Miss Anna E. Ames, born November 27, 1850, daughter of Horatio B.

and Caroline Ames, of Mill Village, Erie Co., Penn. Their children are Frank C., Serana, Ernest C., Pierce Leroy and Josephine Mr. Fullerton came to Mosiertown in 1882, and established a general merchandise store, also carries on a hotel. In September, 1883, he took into partnership Newell E. White. They have a full stock of dry goods, groceries, etc., a complete line of goods for general merchandising. By their excellent business principles and courtesy to the public they are building up a large and flourishing trade. Mr. Fullerton is a life-long Democrat; a man of upright integrity.

WILLIAM JENKS GAMBLE, physician and surgeon, Mosiertown, was born in Boston, Mass., December 23, 1824. His father, Rev. John Gamble, a native of Belfast, Ireland, of Scotch Presbyterian descent, born in 1777, married Miss Eliza Parr, born in 1785, in County Down, Ireland, and a descendant of the famous old Parr family of England. They immigrated to America in about 1807. Being educated for the ministry of the United Presbyterian Church, he adopted the profession of teaching and was engaged in Jamestown and Greenville Academies, making a specialty of classics and higher mathematics. After a long life of usefulness he died in 1844. His widow followed him in 1866. She was the mother of nine children. Our subject was educated in the Jamestown Seminary and Franklin Academy, and at the age of nineteen years he was teaching the English branches, mathematics, Latin and Greek languages. At the age of twenty-three he began the study of medicine under Dr. Gibson, of Jamestown. He graduated at the Eclectic Medical College, of Cincinnati, Ohio, in 1854. He had established himself at Mosiertown in 1851, prior to his taking the degree of M. D., and has since remained there. He married, December 12, 1865, Miss Helen M. Beebe, of Pleasantville, Venango Co., Penn., and of their three children William M. and Robert B. survive. Mrs. Gamble died May 25, 1873. On December 18, 1876, the Doctor married Miss Esther J. Bingham, born in 1846, in eastern Pennsylvania, a daughter of Rev. Bingham, a native of Mercer, Mercer Co., Penn., born in 1810, and died in Mosiertown in 1876; his widow survives. The present Mrs. Gamble has blessed her husband with three children: Eleanor, seven years old, John K., four years old, and Martha Elizabeth,* six months old. The Doctor has been averse to office, yet his neighbors, recognizing his worth and honesty, thrust upon him the position of Township Treasurer for two terms, and School Director for many years, and he has been willing to serve his share of the small offices where pay is not considered. He was firmly attached to the cause of the union, and has been a life-long adherent of the Republican party, to which he clings tenaciously. Our subject became a member of the National Eclectic Association, June 14, 1877. He is a physician of first-class scientific attainments, and enjoys one of the most extensive practices in western Pennsylvania. Personally he is of splendid physique, being six feet, three and a half inches in height and portly in proportion. Elsewhere in this volume will be found steel portraits of this worthy citizen and representative physician of Crawford County and his good lady.

HARRISON HARNED, farmer, P. O. Edinboro, Erie County, was born Jan. 16, 1836, in Cussewago Township, this county. He is a grandson of David Harned, and a son of John and Sarah (Freeman) Harned. He obtained such education as the schools of those early days or the home district afforded. When he was fourteen years of age he had the misfortune to lose his right eye by accident, which prevented his being accepted when he offered his services in defense of the Government in 1861. He married Miss Nancy E. Lewis, September 28, 1859. They settled where they now live in 1864, where by industry and good management they have acquired a fine farm of seventy to eighty

* Born August 22, 1884.

acres. Their children are Mrs. Clara A. Sipps, John L., Charles H., Guy M., Pearlie C. and Edith V. Mr. Harned takes an earnest interest in public affairs, and is at present serving his township as Supervisor. He discharges his duties faithfully and to the satisfaction of the people. In politics he is a life-long Republican.

JACOB HARNED, farmer, P. O. Edinboro, Erie County, was born Dec. 16, 1840, in Cussewago Township, this county. His father, John P. Harned, was born in this township in 1808, where his parents, David and Ann (Perkins) Harned, former of New York, latter of Virginia, settled in 1801. He married Sarah, daughter of Jedediah Freeman, August 20, 1831. Of their twelve children seven are now living: Smith, Harrison, Hiram, Mrs. Almira Pier, Mrs. Jane Skelton, Jacob and John D. L. Our subject enlisted, in August, 1862, in the One Hundred and Thirty-seventh Regiment Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, serving in the Virginia campaigns and taking part in the skirmish of Crampton's Pass, and battles of Antietam, Platt's Plantation, Va., and Chancellorsville, receiving an honorable discharge in May, 1863. Mr. Harned married Miss Lovina Lewis, November 4, 1869. Their children are Josiah Enestus, Lillie V., Mary B., James Hiram and Sophia. Our subject now owns fifty acres of excellent land. Mrs. Harned is a member of the Seventh Day Baptist Church. In politics he is a Republican.

JAMES H. HEARD, farmer, P. O. Crossingville, was born December 16, 1820, in Cussewago Township, this county. His grandparents, George and Alche Heard, natives of Elizabeth, N. J., came to this county in 1794, and, after living a short time on French Creek, near Meadville, settled in Cussewago Township, this county, and took up the central tract of land in the township. Of their eight children but two are now living, viz.: James, of Genesee County, Mich., and Mrs. Lettie Hotchkiss. Their eldest son, Randolph, married Miss Mary Hamilton, born in Maryland, and was brought to Washington Township, Erie County, when two months old, and here she was raised. Mr. Heard died in 1862, aged sixty-seven years, seven months and three days; his widow in 1873, aged seventy-four years, nine months and twelve days. Of their ten children, four are now living: James H., George W., Ammi B., the latter living in Erie, Penn., and Mrs. Letitia Harned. Our subject married, May 1, 1851, Margaret A., daughter of George W. Syers, of this township. They have resided ever since on their home of 160 acres of well-improved land on Cussewago Creek. Their children are Adella D., C. Fred and Mary E. Mr. Heard has taken some interest in public affairs, and filled acceptably various township offices. He is a worthy, representative citizen of Cussewago. In politics he is a Republican.

FREDERICK C. HELMBRECHT, farmer, P. O. Mosiertown, was born May 22, 1846, in Venango Township, this county. His father, Henry Helmbrecht, a native of Hanover, Germany, married Miss Hannah M. C. Hampe. They immigrated to America in 1836 and immediately settled near Drake's Mills, Venango Township, this county. There they began clearing up and developing their farm. They sold out April, 1858, and located in Cussewago Township, this county, and here they died, Mr. Helmbrecht April 28, 1883, and his widow May 2, 1883. Their children were Frederick, who died in Germany; Mrs. Amelia Matthews, deceased; Henry C., a soldier of the Eighty-third Regiment Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, who was killed in the battle of the Wilderness, and Frederick C. Our subject, when a boy, bravely offered his services to the Government, but was restrained from service by his father. He married, September 11, 1866, Miss Amanda Hickernell, of Hayfield Township, this county, who bore him the following named children: Charles H.,

Frank W., Freddie E., Carrie May, Adella E. and Israel (deceased). Mr. Helmbrecht has here a fine farm of 104 acres of well-improved land, it being the family homestead. He believes in the cause of popular education and is giving his children good advantages; in politics he is a Republican.

NATHANIEL B. HILLS, millwright, Mosiertown, was born September 17, 1824, in Onondaga County, N. Y.; son of Obed and Alsimana Hills, who were residents of Cussewago Township, this county, from 1838 to 1862, when they removed to Erie County, Penn., and afterward to Genesee County, Mich., where they died, Mr. Hills in his ninetieth year. Our subject is the fourth in a family of fourteen children. He early began learning the carpenter's trade and gradually developed from that to the business of millwright. He has put up a great many grist and saw-mills in the surrounding townships and counties; has also done a great deal of repair work, and has the reputation of being a skillful workman, having always met with marked success. Mr. Hills married, September 10, 1843, Miss Elizabeth Smith, daughter of Ephraim and Peggy Ann (Harrington) Smith, born September 17, 1823, in Greene County, N. Y., and has lived in this county since 1827. To this union have been born three children: Warren Benson, of Bradford, Penn.; Mrs. Amanda Gary, of Philadelphia, and Effie. Mrs. Hills brother, G. W. L. Smith, was a soldier in the Thirteenth Regiment, Missouri Infantry, and was killed at the battle of Pittsburg Landing, Tenn. Mr. Hills is a consistent member of the Baptist Church; in politics he has been a Republican since the campaign of Fremont and Buchanan.

SHELDON HOTCHKISS, farmer, P. O. Mosiertown, was born March 31, 1820, in Cussewago Township, this county. His father came to Cussewago Township, this county, from Connecticut in 1816, taking forty-two days with an ox-team. His son, Joel, married Mary Sperry. He followed the trade of carpenter and erected many of the buildings in this and adjoining townships. Our subject is the seventh of eleven children. In 1841 he married Clarissa, daughter of Thomas Haggerty, of this township. They settled and cleared a farm of fifty acres of wild land which they sold, then bought a part of the John Clawson homestead. Their children are Vincent A., of Erie County, Penn.; Mrs. Mahetable Freeman; Mrs. Welthy Jane Mosier; Mrs. Evaline McLeland; Mrs. Rosetta Crain; Mrs. Emma Steinhoof, and John W. Mrs. Hotchkiss died December 26, 1871. She was a member of the Christian Church. Mr. Hotchkiss has held most of the township offices, fulfilling his duties faithfully. In politics he is a Republican.

ELIHU HOTCHKISS, farmer, P. O. Mosiertown, was born in this township, March 31, 1824, and is a son of Joel and Mary (Sperry) Hotchkiss, of Connecticut, who came to this county by wagon in 1817, settling in this township, where they developed their farm and raised a family of ten children. Our subject was married April 22, 1845, to Julia, daughter of Jeremiah Colvin. She died August 4, 1863, leaving six children: Mark; Sophronia, died July 28, 1865; Louisa Bradish; Willis, died February 21, 1866; Rosetta Monckenhoupt; and Cassius G., died March 29, 1865. On March 2, 1865, Mr. Hotchkiss married Miss Rachel Stelle, a native of New Jersey, and the children by this marriage are Zeruah, Darwin A. and Otis A. Mr. Hotchkiss has been industrious and successful in life, and has a fine farm of 225 acres of well-improved land, part of which was the old family homestead. He takes a great deal of interest in the improvement of fine stock on his place. He has been a life-long Republican. Cussewago Township contains no more useful and influential citizen than our subject, Elihu Hotchkiss.

HIRAM HOTCHKISS, farmer, P. O. Mosiertown, was born May 5, 1828,

in Cussewago Township, this county. His father, Luther Hotchkiss, son of Joel and Mary Hotchkiss, settled in this township in 1818. He married Elizabeth, daughter of Rev. Isaac Davis, one of the pioneer Baptist preachers, January 3, 1826. She was born April 23, 1805, and her parents came to this county, from New Jersey, in 1795, and here settled. Mr. and Mrs. Luther Hotchkiss developed a farm of 120 acres in western Cussewago Township. Their children are Hiram, Mrs. Nancy Erwin (deceased), Gilbert, James, Mrs. Martha Herrick, Mrs. Adeline Morgan, Mrs. Amelia Herrick and Mrs. Mary Hills (deceased). Mr. Hotchkiss died March 28, 1848; she still lives, aged eighty, and her portrait appears in this volume under the name of Elizabeth Hotchkiss, by her own request. In 1861 she married Lewis Thayer, of Conneaut, Ohio, who died in 1873. Our subject married Amrilla, daughter of Lewis Peet, September 3, 1848. She was born October 2, 1829, in Allegany County, N. Y. Their children were: Martin Luther, Norton J., Charley D. (deceased), Belvia E. and Lydia E. Mr. Hotchkiss owns 428 acres of land, including the old homestead, and is raising Durham cattle on his farm. He and his wife are members of the Baptist Church. In politics he is a Republican.

LEWIS H. HOTCHKISS, farmer, P. O. Mosiertown, was born October 6, 1829, in Cussewago Township, this county. His father, Alvin Hotchkiss, son of Joel Hotchkiss, married Miss Lettie Heard, daughter of George Heard, and they now live near Edinboro, Erie Co., Penn. Our subject married Miss Hannah E. Huckleberry, of Venango Township, this county, March 15, 1855, and settled where they now reside. Their children were Mrs. Adora Donahue, Lewis E., U. S. Grant, Charles, Devirn, Pearl Grace, Alvin (deceased), Estella (deceased). Mr. Hotchkiss enlisted February 25, 1864, in Battery H, Third Pennsylvania Light Artillery, serving in the Maryland and Virginia campaigns, and received an honorable discharge July 25, 1865. He had six brothers (making seven with himself) in the war of the Rebellion, and they served for periods of from six months to four years. He has since devoted his energies to his farm, which now consists of 100 acres, having bought fifty of it when a boy, and fifty since the war, and has improved it. He pays considerable attention to the culture and improvement of fine stock. Mr. Hotchkiss has served the township as Supervisor and Treasurer of School Board. In politics he is a Republican.

JOSIAH G. LEWIS, farmer, P. O. Crossingville, was born July 29, 1818, in Cussewago Township, this county. His grandfather, George Lewis, came from Maryland to this county in very early times and died in 1801. His son, Eber, married Elizabeth Gibson, and they had seven children: George, Josiah G., John D., Nathaniel, Augustus H., and two sisters deceased. Our subject married Miss Sophia St. John, August 3, 1842. They settled in the woods and cleared up and improved their present farm of eighty-six acres. Their children are—Eber S., of Venango County, Penn.; Mrs. Mary Greenfield; John D.; Mrs. Lavina Harned, and Samuel T. Samuel T. having thoroughly prepared himself for the teacher's profession, has been for several years successfully engaged in teaching in Crawford and Erie Counties and Venango and Franklin Townships. He married Miss Katie Regan, who is also an experienced teacher.

WATSON W. LITTLE, M. D., Mosiertown, was born February 18, 1849, in Townville, this county. His father, James R. Little, was born in Rutland, Vt. Our subject received his education in the schools of Townville and Springfield, Erie Co., Penn., and began the study of medicine in 1872 under Dr. D. S. Freeman, of Tidioute, Penn. He graduated with the degree of

M. D., in the Medical Department of the University of the Western Reserve, Cleveland, Ohio, March 5, 1881, and during this time he practiced his profession under the supervision of his preceptor. Immediately upon his gradua tion the Doctor established himself in Mosiertown, associated with Dr. W. J. Gamble. He has made thorough preparations and already takes rank as a physician of first-class scientific attainments and is rapidly building up a large and profitable practice. Dr. Little is descended on his father's side from the well known sturdy and upright race of the Scotch-Irish, and on his mother's side from a long line of practicing physicians. Personally he is a man of compact build and strong physique, evidently well adapted to endure the fatigue and exposure of a busy practitioner. November 5, 1874, the Doctor married Miss Helen M. Morse, of Girard, Erie Co., Penn., and to this union have been born one son and one daughter: Winifred M., and Harold H. (deceased). Mrs. Little is a consistent member of the Christian Church.

JOHN MILTON MANVILLE, farmer, P. O. Mosiertown, was born August 21, 1825, in Jefferson County, N. Y.; son of Henry and Matilda (Wait) Manville. He came to Cussewago Township, this county, with his mother in 1838, and here he learned the cabinet-maker's trade and carried on a shop in Mosiertown for a period of seven years. He married, September 30, 1845, Miss Harriet E., daughter of Dan Stebbins, born August 17, 1825, this township. Their children are Mrs. Mary M. Davis, Jean M., and Mrs. Carrie A. Heard, besides three who died in childhood. Our subject purchased the old family homestead of Dan Stebbins in 1865, where they now reside. They have here a fine farm of fifty acres of well-improved land. Mr. and Mrs. Manville are consistent adherents of the Presbyterian faith. He is a man of upright integrity and a useful and influential citizen in the community.

NATHAN MOSIER, farmer, P. O. Mosiertown, was born in Lehigh County, Penn., June 6, 1819. His parents, Abraham and Elizabeth (Hottenstein) Mosier, settled in Cussewago Township, this county, in 1832. Five of their seven children are now living, viz.: Nathan, Mrs. Abigail Deichman, Mrs. Sarah Siverling, Mrs. Harriet Croop, Mrs. Mary Moyer. For his second wife Mr. Mosier married Sarah Hower, by whom he had one son—Abram (deceased.) Our subject married Eliza Love, and their children are: Archibald, William, Marcellus, Robert, Mrs. Ellen Woodring and Bertha. Mr. Mosier has lived on his present farm over forty years. He is a member of the Lutheran Church. In politics is a Republican.

JOHN MUCKINHOUPT, farmer, P. O. Venango, was born in Cambridge Township, this county, March 19, 1819, and is a son of George and Margaret (Himebaugh) Muckinhoupt. George and his father, Philip, a native of Germany, were among the early settlers of Cambridge Township, this county. Our subject married, September 20, 1843, Margaret, daughter of Henry and Catherine (Muckinhoupt) Peters, of Cussewago Township, this county. The next year they settled where they now reside and cleared from the wilderness a farm of 110 acres. Their children are George H., John A., Morgan D., Mrs. Emma Payne, Frank, Mrs. Maggie Peters and Mellie. Mr. and Mrs. Muckinhoupt are members of the First Lutheran Church of Venango. In politics he is a Democrat.

JAMES NASH, farmer, P. O. Crossingville, was born July 12, 1833, in Cussewago Township, this county. His father, Michael Nash, a native of County Clare, Ireland, came to America between 1820 and 1824. He married Miss Mary Callanan, of this county, in 1828. After living a short time in Meadville, Penn., they finally settled in Cussewago Township, this county. She died in 1851; he in 1856. Their children were—William, James, Mrs.

Catharine Mather, John (deceased), Mrs. Mary A. Wickham, Thomas, Patrick (deceased), Mrs. Maggie Cronan, and Joanna, who died in infancy. Our subject married Miss Joanna Sullivan, May 26, 1859. She was born June 10, 1838, and is a daughter of Daniel Sullivan. Their children are—Michael H.; Daniel T., who has been Deputy County Treasurer for six years and is at present writing, Democratic candidate for Treasurer; Catharine A.; William M.; John V. (deceased); George E.; Mary; Peter; Maggie M. and Frederick L. In 1863 Mr. Nash took the entire charge of the family homestead, which he still occupies. He now owns 100 acres of well-improved land. Mr. and Mrs. Nash are pious members of the Catholic Church. In politics he is a consistent Democrat.

SELDEN E. PIER, farmer, P. O. Crossingville, was born May 21, 1833, in Chautauqua County, N. Y. His father, Amon B. Pier, of New York, married Miss Lois E. Bronson, of Chautauqua County, a native of Canada. They settled in this township in 1844. Here Mrs. Pier died December 31, 1859. Mr. Pier then married Mrs. Sarah Gibson, also deceased, and he now lives with his son. Our subject married in 1852 Almira C., daughter of John P. Harned. Settling where they reside, they have acquired a farm of ninety acres. Their children are Mrs. Martha J. Torrey, and Hiram A., who, having made thorough preparation for the profession of teaching, is now highly successfully engaged in that vocation in the city schools of Knoxville, Tenn. Mr. Pier spent three months in his country's service, in 1863, as a soldier in the Fifty-sixth Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry. He has served his township as Supervisor two years, and is now in his third year as Auditor; in politics he is a Republican.

PETER L. POTTER, lumber manufacturer, Mosiertown, was born July 19, 1830, in Allegany County, N. Y. His parents, Clark and Elizabeth Potter, located in this county in 1834, and settled in Cussewago Township the following year. Of their twelve children, our subject, Amos W., Daniel N. and Mrs. Catherine Sterrett now live in this county. Mrs. Potter died in June, 1865, Mr. Potter in 1881, aged eighty-one years. Eight of his sons served in the Rebellion, making an aggregate of twenty-one years of service, more, it is claimed, than any other family in the United States. Our subject enlisted in August, 1861, in the Sixth Regiment, Ohio Volunteer Cavalry, and re-enlisted as a veteran in 1864, serving until the close of the war. He served in the Army of the Potomac, in the Virginia campaigns, under Gen. Sheridan. He took part in many of the hard-fought battles and was severely wounded at Middleburg, Va., in June, 1863. He was taken prisoner at the battle of the Wilderness and suffered in Andersonville prison eight months. He has a record as a brave and faithful soldier. He now owns a saw-mill on Cussewago Creek which he is operating very successfully.

THOMAS EDWARD RICE, farmer, P. O. Mosiertown, was born November 27, 1822, in Cussewago Township, this county; son of Harmon and Mary (Barnes) Rice, who came to this county in 1815, and settled on a farm near Meadville, and the following year located in Cussewago on the farm which they cleared and improved, and where they lived and died. Harmon was a native of Connecticut, a son of Thomas Rice and of English descent. Mary, his wife, was a native of Orange County, N. Y., daughter of Edward Barnes, who served through the Revolutionary war. They had ten children: Sally Ann (deceased), born May 13, 1809; Henry, January 9, 1811; William (deceased), March 15, 1813; Harmon, June 13, 1816; Hiram, September 26, 1818; Thomas E.; Mary Ann (deceased), September 25, 1824; Elizabeth, June 10, 1830; Amaziah (deceased), August 10, 1833; Hezekiah (deceased),

December 14, 1836. Harmon Rice died in 1865, in his eighty-fourth year; his widow in 1876, in her eighty-fifth year. Our subject married, January 30, 1851, Lura Ann, daughter of Homer and Betsey (Williams) Beeman, of Mead Township. Lura A. was born August 17, 1831, in Ontario County, N. Y., and came with her parents to Mead Township, Crawford Co., Penn., in 1838. Thomas and Lura Rice had six children, viz.: Loretta E., born April 9, 1852; Frank E. (deceased), born March 9, 1855; J. Wilson, February 16, 1857; Addie A., September 9, 1862; Clara M., July 4, 1867; Thomas O. (deceased), born June 8, 1872. Mrs. Rice is a member of the Baptist Church. Mr. Rice in politics is a Republican. They sold their farm near Mosiertown in 1867, and located on the old homestead, where they now reside. Their daughter, Addie, was married to Jerome B. Greenlee, November 23, 1881. They have one child—Frank M.—born December 23, 1882. They are members of the Baptist Church.

ELIAS ROGERS, farmer, P. O. Venango, was born December 25, 1823, in Chautauqua County, N. Y. His parents, Aretus and Elois Rogers, left that county, and after living some years near Albion, Erie Co., Penn., finally settled in Cussewago Township, this county, in 1837. They lived the lives of upright pioneers, and died here leaving four children: Mrs. Eliza Cole, Mrs. Jane Wing, Elias, and Mrs. Mahala Hotchkiss (deceased). Our subject married Miss Catherine Siverling March 23, 1844. She is a daughter of the pioneer John Siverling, a native of Venango Township. Since their marriage our subject and wife have lived in Cussewago Township, with the exception of two years spent in Cambridge Township, this county. Here they have a comfortable home of fifty acres. Their children are Mrs. Rosetta Blystone, Mrs. Eliza S. Mead, Mrs. Hannah Steele, Alfred, Mrs. Mary Terrill, Mrs. Kerny Dilley and Allie. Mrs. Rogers belongs to the United Brethren Church. Our subject was in politics formerly a Whig, but is now a Greenbacker.

HON. SALVADOR SLOCUM, farmer, P. O. Mosiertown, was born November 15, 1844, in Mead Township, this county; son of Eleazer, of Massachusetts, and Lois C. (Merriam) Slocum, a native of Connecticut, who settled in Mead Township, this county, in 1835. Our subject received his education in the schools of the home district, and took a commercial course at the Iron City Commercial College, Pittsburgh, Penn. At about eighteen years of age he engaged in the oil developments in western Pennsylvania, and held interests therein until 1880. In 1867 he went to Goodrich, Mich., and conducted a general merchandising store for two years. Having owned the William Penn House at Pittsburgh for several years, he opened a hotel there in 1868, which he carried on for about four years. August 13, 1867, Mr. Slocum married Miss Celestia E., daughter of Henry W. Manville, of Mosiertown, this county, and to this union were born seven children, two of whom are now living: Belle and Georgiana. In 1873 he established a general merchandising store at Mosiertown, which he continued until the spring of 1879. He soon afterward purchased his present residence and farm in the village. In 1882 Mr. Slocum was elected Representative from Crawford County to the General Assembly of the State of Pennsylvania, being the only Republican elected from the county at that election. He served with ability and faithfulness, and left a sterling record as an honorable and conscientious servant of the people. Mrs. Slocum is a consistent member of the Baptist Church. Mr. Slocum is a F. & A. M.

GEORGE SPITLER, farmer, P. O. Mosiertown, was born May 26, 1840, in Hayfield Township, this county. His father, Philip Spitler, a native of Union County, Penn., was a descendant of a long line of that name, the first

of whom came to this State from Germany in 1702, and cast his lot with the rising fortunes of the young colonies. Philip Spitler married Miss Mary Zimmerman, of Swiss descent, a native of Union County, Penn. They settled in this county about 1838. He was a weaver by trade, but employed himself occasionally at farming and other work. He was accidentally drowned in Bemis' Dam, French Creek, in October, 1842. His widow died April 1, 1877. Their children were Samuel; Henry, who pre-empted the land which is now the site of Topeka, Kan., where he died of cholera in 1855; Israel, died in his country's service in Kentucky during the war of the Rebellion; George, and Philip (deceased). Our subject enlisted, August 19, 1863, in the Seventy-sixth Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry. He was severely wounded at Drury's Bluff, Va., May 16, 1864, causing permanent disability. He received his discharge May 5, 1865, and left an honorable record as a brave and faithful soldier. September 24, 1863, our subject married Miss Fanny Nisley, of Hayfield Township, this county, born June 15, 1843, in Dauphin County, Penn., and daughter of Jacob Nisley, born in Dauphin County, Penn., in 1806, and Barbara (Hoffman) Nisley, born in Lancaster County, Penn., in 1812, both of German descent. They immigrated to this county in 1852, and settled in Cussewago Township, near Mosiertown, and were largely influential in establishing the church of the United Brethren in Christ. Mrs. Nisley died in 1872. Mr. Nisley is still enjoying life at a ripe old age, and is in fair health. To this union were born—Flora Viola, who died in February, 1868, aged twenty-two months; J. Arthur; May B.; Albert L. A.; J. Lloyd; Kittie Georgie and Frances Lucretia. After spending over three years in the oil regions, our subject and family settled in Cussewago Township, this county, in 1869, and here they have a comfortable home of fifty acres of well-improved land. Mrs. Spitler is a consistent member of the United Brethren Church. Mr. Spitler has held the office of School Director fourteen years, and Secretary of the Board most of the time. He was himself a teacher several years in early life. In politics he is a Republican.

ROBERT L. STEBBINS, farmer, manufacturer and stock-raiser, P. O. Mosiertown, was born July 3, 1839, in Cussewago Township, this county. His father, Lemuel Stebbins, a native of Wilbraham, Mass., born in 1798, was a descendant of the celebrated Stebbins family of Essex County, England. Rowland, the founder of the family in America, immigrated in 1634 to Springfield, Mass. Lemuel came to this township in 1819, where he married, March 6, 1823, Lucinda Greenlee, born January 2, 1803, daughter of the famous pioneer, Michael Greenlee, of Delaware, who came to this township from Fayette County, Penn., in 1797, remaining one year in Meadville, Penn. After their marriage Mr. and Mrs. Stebbins settled in Cussewago Township, this county, where they afterward resided. Here they cleared up and developed a fine farm of upward of 300 acres of land. Mr. Stebbins kept store at Mosiertown for several years. He was a leading spirit in all improvements. He established the first cheese-factory in this part of the country; also built a steam grist and saw-mill. He was a thorough example of a self-made man, as he had but 25 cents when he came to the county. He died September 24, 1852. His widow survives him, and is now living at the family homestead, and, although at the advanced age of eighty-one years, is still in good possession of her faculties. Their children are—Mrs. Amanda Whipple; Mrs. Lorene Clarke, of South Pueblo, Col.; Lot D.; Orson M. (deceased); Erastus B. (deceased); Mrs. Chloe R. Carr; Robert L.; Matilda L., of Denver, Col.; Benjamin F., drowned July 26, 1881, at Oil City, Penn.; and Rufus R. (deceased). Benjamin F. was a soldier in the Sixteenth Regiment Pennsylvania Volunteer

Cavalry. He was wounded in the right arm at Sheperdstown, W. Va., and lost his left leg at Hatcher's Run, Va. He was County Treasurer one term. At the time of his death he was a member of the Oil City Oil Exchange. Our subject is now living with and taking care of his aged mother. He owns a fine place of 180 acres well-improved land; also owns and operates the only cane-mill for the manufacture of sugar and molasses from Northern cane or sorghum in Cussewago Township, which he established in 1880. This is perhaps the largest establishment of the kind in the State. Mr. Stebbins takes an active interest in public affairs; has held the office of Town Clerk and various township offices, fulfilling his duties with fidelity and to the satisfaction of the people. He takes a deep interest in the improvement of live stock, and is at present engaged in the raising of thoroughbred short horn cattle on his farm. In politics our subject is a Republican.

JOSHUA W. SWENEY, farmer and Justice of the Peace, P. O. Crossingville, was born March 29, 1833, in Cussewago Township, this county. His grandfather, Alexander Sweney, is a native of County Donegal, Ireland; came to America when a young man. He married Sarah Harkins, and settled in Cussewago Township, this county, in 1788, having previously come out here and taken up 1,600 acres of land for himself, brother and two brothers-in-law, being one of the first settlers in the northern part of the township. After raising a family of twelve children, all of whom grew to maturity, he departed this life in March, 1845, aged seventy years. His widow died in 1870, aged seventy-six. Their second son, Edward H., married in 1832 Jane McLaughlin, a native of County Tyrone, Ireland, and settled on his part of the old homestead. Of their nine children seven are now living, Joshua W. and Mrs. Josephine O'Brien being residents of this locality. Mr. Sweney died April 23, 1863, aged fifty-six years. His widow died March 4, 1884, aged seventy-four. Their son Thomas G., a soldier of Company B, Eighteenth Regiment, Pennsylvania Cavalry, died in the service of his country January 14, 1864, at Stevensburg, Va. Our subject married, July 31, 1854, Maria Smith, a native of County Cavan, Ireland, and settled where he now resides, and where he has a fine farm of 110 acres of well-improved land. Their children are Thomas A., of Pattersonville, La.; Mrs. Mary Kearney; Kate, the present teacher at Crossingville school; Edward C., and William C. Squire Sweney, consistently with the principles of his forefathers, is a Democrat; a member of the Catholic Church. He has served his township in the various township offices, being at the present time Justice of the Peace.

ERASTUS J. TERRILL, farmer, P. O. Mosiertown, was born in Cambridge Township, this county, August 22, 1829. His father, Daniel Terrill, married Miss Harriet Payne, daughter of James Payne, and settled in Cambridge Township in 1825. The following of their eight children are now living, viz.: Mrs. Elizabeth Spencer, Erastus J., Miriam, Mrs. Huldah Clough, Mrs. Sophia Evans and Isaac. They settled in Cussewago Township in 1854, where Mr. Terrill died in 1865. His widow survives him at the age of seventy-nine. Our subject married Sarah, daughter of Aaron and Sarah Ellis, of Cambridge Township, this county, October 30, 1851. Their children are Mrs. Harriet Riddle, Mrs. Elizabeth Cole, Mrs. Tabitha Miles, Mrs. Marietta Rogers, Alma M., Alfred J., Albert G., Daniel L., Andrew O., and Clayton E. Mr. Terrill is a Republican in politics.

CHARLES M. VEILEY, merchant and Postmaster, Mosiertown, was born March 26, 1855, in Munda, Livingston Co., N. Y. His parents, Alonzo and Mercy Veiley moved to Crawford County, Penn., in 1865, and now live in Richmond Township. Our subject obtained his education in the schools of

the county. He married, October 27, 1880, Miss Cora Wilber, born September 30, 1861, daughter of W. J. Wilber, of Cussewago Township, this county, and to this union has been born one child—Georgie May. In the spring of 1882 Mr. Veiley established a general merchandise store in the Slocum Building, Mosiertown, and purchased the building in January, 1884. He has here a full stock of dry goods, groceries, hardware, boots and shoes, etc., and by strict business and courtesy to his customers, he has built up a very large and flourishing trade. Our subject was appointed Postmaster April 10, 1883, which appointment he still holds. Mr. Veiley is a young business man of much energy and enterprise; in politics he is a Republican.

CALVIN WALDO, farmer, P. O. Edinboro, Erie County, was born in 1810 in Bennington County, Vt., and is the son of Gersham and Martha Waldo. He married, in 1835, Miss Polly Ann Calkins, of Genesee County, N. Y., born in Cayuga County, N. Y., in 1814. They settled where they now live, in Cussewago Township, this county, in 1837, and cleared up and developed a fine farm. Their children were Gersham C., who died in Kansas, September 10, 1858; Daniel C., in Crawford County, Penn.; Thomas B., in Erie County, Penn.; Mrs. Mary Lewis, in Erie County, Penn. Our subject, formerly a member of the Baptist Church, is now an adherent of the Seventh Day Baptist Church, to which he and his worthy wife have belonged ever since the organization of the Cussewago Church, about thirty-five years ago. Mr. Waldo is a Christian of deep piety, and firm convictions in his chosen faith. He is one of the old respected pioneer citizens, whose manly efforts and self-denial have aided to redeem this prosperous land from the wilderdess.

DANIEL C. WALDO, farmer, P. O. Venango, was born March 23, 1843, in Cussewago Township, this county, and is a son of Calvin Waldo. He went in defense of his country in 1863, as a soldier of the Fifty-sixth Pennsylvania Volunteer Militia. He married, September 23, 1865, Miss Clara O. Randall, an adopted daughter of A. P. Harris. She died February 28, 1872, leaving four children: Mary, Effie, Clara E., Calvin Gersham, and one infant (deceased). Mr. Waldo married, December 1, 1872, Lucinda, daughter of Smith and Aurilla (Bacon) Wiard, of Spring Township, this county, born April 29, 1845. They have five children: Smith (deceased), Mabel E., Alice A., Morgan D. and Lucia M. Mr. Waldo has a fine farm of 117 acres. He and his worthy wife are consistent members of the Seventh Day Baptist Church. Our subject has served his township as School Director, Tax Collector, and Census Enumerator. In politics he is a Republican; a member of the Crawford County Republican County Committee.

HIRAM WEBSTER, deceased, was a native of the State of New York, born January 22, 1818, and came to this county when a young lad, with his father, Ephraim Webster, prior to 1830. His father moved to Iowa where, he died. Our subject married, March 31, 1843, Miss Zeruah Davis, born August 19, 1819, in Cussewago Township, this county, and daughter of Rev. Isaac and Nancy Davis. Her parents were among the very earliest settlers of this township. After their marriage Mr. and Mrs. Webster settled in this township, where they developed a comfortable home. They had following children: Henry, James Albert, and Homer (deceased). Mr. Webster died May 28, 1866, leaving an honorable name to posterity for honest and upright integrity. Mrs. Webster afterward married Dr. Hiram Boyd, who died August 7, 1877. She is now living at the old family homestead, enjoying a peaceful old age, highly respected by the entire community. James Albert Webster, her son, was born April 14, 1855. After receiving his early education in the schools of the home district, he attended, three terms, the State Normal School, Edinboro, Erie

County. He early engaged in teaching and has taught four terms in Hayfield Township, this county, and five in Cussewago Township, having the school at Mosiertown one term. He left a record as a faithful and successful teacher, and gave good satisfaction to his patrons. He married Miss Addie Muckenhaupt, November 11, 1880. She died December 16, 1882. Mr. Webster has held the offices of School Director, Township Clerk, and Treasurer, and now holds the position of Assessor. He is an energetic young business man and a citizen of wide influence; in politics a Republican.

NEWELL E. WHITE, merchant, Mosiertown, was born May 19, 1838, in Richmond Township, this county. His father, John White, of near Fredonia, N. Y., and among the early settlers of Richmond Township, this county, married Miss Polly Gould, and of their seven children, David, of Little Cooley, Newell, and Diantha I. are now living. Our subject enlisted in the One Hundred and Fiftieth Regiment, Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, in August, 1862. He served in the Army of the Potomac and took part in the battles of Gettysburg, Wilderness, Petersburg and many more of the memorable conflicts of the Virginia campaigns. He was severely wounded in the battle of Gettysburg, resulting in permanent disabilities. He served his time out, and received his discharge in June, 1865, having an honorable record as a brave and faithful soldier. October 12, 1865, Mr. White married Miss Josephine C. Fross, of Richmond Township, this county. Their children are: Rollo R. and Royal J. (deceased). Our subject carried on a general merchandising store at Lyona, this county, in 1876, 1877, and at Townville during 1879, then established himself in business at Mosiertown in 1880. His present partner is S. D. Fullerton. They carry on a prosperous and growing trade which by their courtesy and strict attention to business they are rapidly building up. Mrs. White died November 1, 1883. She was a faithful wife and loving mother, beloved by all who knew her. She was a pious member of the Baptist Church, of which Mr. White is also a member.

JOHN STOUT WIARD, farmer, P. O. Crossingville, was born in Cussewago Township, this county, July 14, 1826. His father, Leman Wiard, came from Connecticut to this township in 1819, and married Elizabeth, daughter of John Chamberlain. After living the life of an honest pioneer, he died in 1847, at the age of forty-seven years. Of their eight children three are now living: John Stout, Mrs. Adaline Hites and Mrs. Lydia Joslin. Our subject married in January, 1855, Harriet, daughter of Jacob Flasher, now of Iowa. They now own a farm of 300 acres of well-improved land, including the homestead which they have made by industry and good management. Their children are Winfield L., Leora A., Aaron, Henry and Frank. Mr. Wiard was a soldier nine months, between 1862 and 1863, in the One Hundred and Sixty-ninth Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry. He is devoted to the culture of live stock and has some very fine short horn and Devonshire cattle. Our subject is a Republican; has held several township offices, always with credit to himself. Mrs. Wiard and the two eldest children are members of the United Brethren Church.

WILLIAM WILEY, farmer, P. O. Crossingville, was born October 25, 1825, in Fryeburg, Oxford Co., Me. His parents, Hamilton and Malvina Wiley, now live at that place, having spent but one year in this county, while on a visit to their son. Our subject while a young man came to Cambria County, Penn., where he was engaged several years making staves for the West India market. While there he married Miss Harriet Langdon, October 14, 1854. In April of the following year he located at Crossingville, this county, and established a shook factory, which he carried on until 1858, when

he sold out and spent three years in the State of Maine. He finally returned to this county, purchased a farm, and settled in Cussewago Township, in 1861, where he still resides. Here, by industry and good management, with the assistance of his worthy wife, he has acquired a fine farm of 150 acres of well-improved land. To Mr. and Mrs. Wiley have been born three children: Hamilton, married to Miss Eva L. McCamman; Mary M., and Hattie O. The son now carries on the farm, and the two daughters, having made thorough preparation for the profession of teaching, are now very successfully engaged in that vocation in the schools of this county. Mr. Wiley is independent in his political views, always aiming to support the best men and principles. He is a citizen of upright integrity and enjoys the highest respect of the entire community.

AMANDAS T. ZIMMER, hotel-keeper, Mosiertown, was born July 13, 1836, in Lehigh County, Penn. His parents, Daniel and Caroline Zimmer, now reside in Berks County. He married Miss Susanna Reinard, of Berks County, Penn., June 8, 1862. Their children are: Daniel Tilmon, Wilson A. and Charles William. Our subject was reared in Berks County and learned the miller's trade, which he followed for twenty-eight years. He moved to this county in April, 1867, and followed his trade one year at Stitzerville, ten years at Saegertown and five years at Venango. He took charge of the hotel at Mosiertown April 2, 1884, having purchased the property in 1881. Mr. Zimmer carries on here a first-class house, which is justly celebrated as a place of entertainment for the weary traveler. He and Mrs. Zimmer are consistent members of the Lutheran Evangelical Church. Our subject takes a deep interest in education. In politics he is a Democrat.

EAST FAIRFIELD TOWNSHIP.

ALEXANDER S. BEATTY, farmer, P. O. Shaw's Landing, was born April 5, 1831; son of Finlaw and Jane (Shaw) Beatty, the mother a native of East Fairfield Township, and the father of Perry County, Penn. Their family consisted of two sons: Samuel, who died about 1872 in Meadville, where his widow still lives, and our subject, who lives on the old home farm of sixty acres, which he owns and which is well improved. Finlaw Beatty was twice married, first to Miss Isabella Work, sister of ex-Judge Work, which union was blessed with six children, of whom four survive: W. W. Beatty and Mrs. A. E. Wentworth, living in Iowa; I. M. Beatty and Mrs. M. P. Harvey, at Shaw's Landing, Penn. Mrs. Beatty died June 30, 1825, and our subject's father was again married, and he and his second wife, Jane Shaw, died in March, 1852, there being but two days difference in the dates of their deaths. Our subject was married December 24, 1860, to Miss Elizabeth E. Harvy, and they have four children: Finlaw A., Frank H., Matthew W. and Anna Blanche, all living. Mr. Beatty was mail agent on the Franklin branch of the New York, Pennsylvania & Ohio Railroad from Meadville to Oil City for three and a half years. He is now Postmaster at Shaw's Landing. He has been School Director for several terms. He and his wife are members of the United Presbyterian Church.

JOHN J. COCHRAN, Cochranton, is a son of Joseph and Susan E. (Hill) Cochran, natives of Pennsylvania, the father born May 10, 1809, the

mother February 11, 1810. They were married in Adams County, Penn., June 15, 1833, and came the same month to this county, locating where Cochranton now stands. Joseph Cochran taught the first school in the village, and, being a surveyor, assisted in arranging the town plat. He died September 1, 1846. Mrs. Cochran still survives, enjoying perfect mental and reasonable physical health, making her home with her daughter, Margaret J. (now Mrs. M. H. McComb). Our subject was the elder of their two children, and was born May 14, 1837, in Cochranton, where he was reared and educated. He was married in Adamsville, this county, December 25, 1860, to Miss Mary McKee, who has borne him seven children, viz.: Maggie E., Jennie R., Rose A., Joseph A., James H. M., William H. and Charles H. The last named died at the age of two years and four months. Mrs. Cochran and her daughter, Jennie R., are members of the Presbyterian Church. Mrs. McComb is a member of the United Presbyterian Church.

WILLIAM DEAN, JR., farmer, P. O. Cochranton, was born on the farm on which he now lives, October, 1842, and on which his grandfather, William Dean, located in 1794. His parents were William and Nancy (Brawley) Dean. He was married May 22, 1872, to Miss Sarah E. Mook, of Mercer County, Penn., who has borne him three children: Henry E., David S. and Archie D. Mrs. Dean's father, David Mook, died in 1875; her mother, Margaret, is living with her. Of the thirteen brothers and sisters of our subject, eight are still living. Mr. and Mrs. Dean are members of the P. of H.; Mr. Dean is also a member of the A. O. U. W.

REV. D. DONNAN, minister, Cochranton, is a native of Princetown, Schenectady County, N. Y., and received his preparatory training in Schenectady Lyceum or Academy. He entered the freshman class of Union College, Schenectady, and graduated during the last years of the presidency of Dr. Eliphalet Nott, in 1845. He studied theology in the Theological Hall at Cannonsburg, Washington Co., Penn., now the United Presbyterian Theological Seminary, at Xenia, Ohio. He was settled for some years as pastor of the United Presbyterian Congregation of Newark, N. J., and while there was married, in 1855, to Miss E. K., daughter of David and Catharine Williamson, of Xenia, Ohio. He left Newark and came to Cochranton December, 1865, and was installed early in April, 1866, pastor of the congregations of Cochranton and Power, under the care of Lake Presbytery of the United Presbyterian Church of North America.

MATTHIAS FLAUGH, farmer, P. O. Meadville, was born in this county, September 4, 1818, and is a son of George Flaugh, whose father, Matthias, came from Germany, and located near Saegertown, this county, at a very early day, and where he remained until his death. Our subject's father was a soldier in the war of 1812. Matthias Flaugh was married September, 1839, to Miss Catharine, daughter of Benjamin and Fanny (Brindle) Brown, who has borne him three children: William, born September, 1840, married Sarah E. Byham, December 21, 1865, has eight children, four surviving; Aaron, born May, 1842, married Amanda Young, in 1863; and Frances, born November, 1843, was married to George Smith, died November, 1862, aged nineteen years and eleven months. Mr. Flaugh has a home farm of sixteen acres well improved and forty acres in Mead Township. In politics the family is Democratic. Mr. and Mrs. Flaugh are members of the Reformed Church.

JAMES P. HASSLER, M. D., physician, Cochranton, was born at Mt. Pleasant, Westmoreland Co., Penn., February 13, 1835, son of John and Sarah (Shearer) Hassler, who were parents of twelve children, viz.: Samuel, a Methodist minister, died in 1852; Joseph, died in 1849; Lucinda, died in

infancy; Rebecca, died of acute disease; Melinda; David S., in mercantile business at Mt. Union, Ohio; John Frederick, killed by lightning in 1854; Elmira, died of acute disease; Cyrus M., in mercantile business in Findlay, Ohio; James P.; Augustus E., editor of the *Pawnee Republican*, Pawnee City, Neb.; and May Elizabeth, died in infancy. In 1835 John Hassler moved to a farm in Rostraver Township, same county, where the family were brought up. At fourteen years of age our subject was sent to school at Greensburg, and subsequently to Mt. Pleasant, and when seventeen entered Allegheny College, where he graduated in 1856. He spent several years in teaching, spending a year in Kentucky and two years in Michigan. Afterward he read medicine at Meadville, in the office of Dr. J. C. Cotton, and graduated from the Medical Department of the University of Michigan in 1864. The summer of the same year he spent in the United States General Hospital, at Point Lookout, and in the fall returned to Meadville and resumed the practice of medicine with Dr. Cotton. In the summer of 1865 he removed to Cochranton, a village ten miles from Meadville on the Franklin branch of the New York, Pennsylvania & Ohio Railroad; here he has since resided, diligently and laboriously engaged in the practice of his profession, and with satisfactory success. He was married August, 1860, to Miss Ella, daughter of the Hon. William Davis, of Meadville, a gentleman of great personal popularity in the county, as was shown by his election for three terms to the position of Associate Judge. Their family consists of three sons and three daughters. Their eldest son is destined to be "a newspaper man," and at present has a position in Pittsburgh. Dr. Hassler has given considerable time and attention to educational matters, having been on the Board of Education at Cochranton for fifteen years and for several years a member of the Board of Control of Allegheny College. He has written extensively for the press, local and professional, and occasionally takes a hand in the political discussions of the day. In church relations, a Methodist; in social organizations, a Knight Templar; belongs also to several benevolent societies in the town where he lives. In politics he is a quiet but somewhat determined adherent to the Democratic party, with charity for others who hold a different opinion.

CHARLES HOLMES, hotel-keeper, Cochranton, was born in Mercer County, Penn., August 5, 1855, and is a son of Joseph and Elizabeth (Dickson) Holmes. He was married September 25, 1875, to Miss Mary E. Holmes. Came to Cochranton, August 7, 1883, when he took possession of the hotel known as the Shafer House, now the Holmes House, situated on the corner of Adams and Walnut Streets. It is a three-story frame structure, well arranged, neatly furnished, and having excellent sample rooms and other hotel conveniences. In connection with the hotel he has the best livery in the place. His motto is "universal satisfaction," which is always given to his numerous customers. He is a genial and pleasant gentleman and has an amiable helpmeet.

ROBERT McFATE, Sr., farmer, P. O. Cochranton, was born in Venango County, Penn., in 1816, where he was brought up. His parents were Robert and Jane (Culbertson) McFate. In 1844 he married Letitia McFate, born in Ireland; her parents being Robert and Elizabeth (Black) McFate, and came to America with her sister Margaret, (now Mrs. David McFate) and her brother Robert, being then about eighteen years of age. Our subject came to this county in 1867, locating on the farm where he now lives, and which is a well-improved farm of ninety-seven acres. He and his wife are members of the United Presbyterian Church, and are highly respected by all who know them. Politically Mr. McFate stands firm in the Democratic faith.

DAVID McFATE, farmer, P. O. Cochranton, was born January 16,

1836, in Venango County, Penn., where his parents resided for many years. They came to this county, locating in Cochranton, in 1866, on a farm where the father, Joseph, died in February, 1879, and where the mother, Margaret, still lives. Their family consisted of ten children, of whom six survive. David, the second of the family, was reared and educated in Venango County, where he married Miss Margaret McFate, March 9, 1865. To this union were born four children: Francis J., Lizzie B. and two deceased in infancy. Mr. and Mrs. McFate and Francis J. are members of the United Presbyterian Church of Cochranton. Politically Mr. McFate is a Republican. He has a farm of sixty-five acres, on which he has a splendid residence and where he has made good improvements. Mrs. McFate is a native of Ireland; came to America when sixteen years of age, and to Venango County, Penn., when twenty-two, having located temporarily in Philadelphia. Her father is still living in Wayne Township, this county; her mother died in Ireland.

HUGH McGOURAN, SR., proprietor cooperage and stave factory, Cochranton, was born November 12, 1825, in the reign of George III, in County Down, Ireland; son of John and Margret McGouran. In 1843 our subject went to England, where he remained for six years, during which time he crossed the Irish Sea twelve times. From England he went to Swansea, South Wales, there stayed about one year and then returned to Ireland. On January 31, 1851, he married Eliza Jane Pegan, also a native of County Down, Ireland, born September 12, 1826. On March 25, 1851, Mr. McGouran and his young wife embarked for America in a small vessel from Belfast, Ireland, *via* Liverpool, England, which port they left April 1 following, landing in Philadelphia, Penn., on 28th same month. Two days after they went to Pittsburgh, Penn., over the Allegheny Mountains, and from Pittsburgh came to this county, where they have since made their home. To our subject and wife were born the following named children: John, Maggie E., Sarah, Hugh W., Sadie J., Ella, Jennie C., Francis J. and Mary El Zaida, of whom five are dead. In 1868 Maggie, the eldest daughter, paid a visit to her parents' native place, taking passage in the steam-ship "City of London," and on May 15, 1869, her father sailed from New York to Liverpool, England and from that city to Ireland, returning to America in the steam-ship "City of Paris," August 12, 1869, accompanied by his daughter. On June 7, 1884, Mr. McGouran and another daughter, Ella, sailed from New York in the steam-ship "Alaska," for Europe, visiting the chief places in England, Ireland and Scotland, and returning to New York by the same vessel August 25, that year. Our subject purchased a farm in Wayne Township, this county, on which he lived nine years, and during that period he followed the business of shipping produce to Pittsburgh on the Allegheny River. From Wayne Township he moved to Cochranton, this county, and has since resided here with his family. Shortly after coming, Mr. McGouran embarked in the oil business in Venango County, Penn., sinking wells and shipping oil down the Allegheny, etc., in which he met with tolerably good success. Retiring from that enterprise March 17, 1865, the year of the high water at Oil Creek, he engaged in the cooperage and stave manufacturing business, employing some twenty men. When trade is brisk Mr. McGouran turns out from five to six thousand staves and headings, and about one hundred barrels complete, every day. He is still carrying on this industry, and with continued marked prosperity.

HENRY P. MARLEY, farmer, P. O. Cochranton, was born in East Fairfield Township, this county, March 25, 1832; son of James J. and Julia A. (Hart) Marley. His grandfather, Henry Marley, came from his native land, Ireland, to Meadville in 1793, and the same year built a cabin on the farm

now owned by Dr. John Marley. There he lived till his death, which occurred in 1854, in his ninety-third year. He was the father of three children, two sons and one daughter; James J. is the only one living. James J. Marley, Sr., was the father of ten children, of whom six are still living: Henry P.; Angeline, now Mrs. William McCauley, of Venango County; James J., Jr.; Julia A.; Mrs. Samuel Doubt; David A., and John W., a practicing physician in Chicago. Our subject's parents are still living in East Fairfield, have been married fifty-seven years, and have always resided on the same farm. Mrs. Marley was a daughter of Philip Hart, formerly of Little York, Penn., and who was a son of Conrad Hart, a native of Germany, who settled in this township in 1804. They had born to them ten children, six of whom are now living. The subject of this sketch was reared in his native township and educated in the common school. He was married November 25, 1855, to Marilla H., daughter of Amos and Lydia (Hall) Pierce, natives of New England, and who came to this township in 1854. The issue of this marriage is four children: Kingston S., William H., Frank W., and Homer P. Mr. Marley was in the late war, enlisting March 4, 1864, in Company I, Tenth Pennsylvania Volunteer Reserves, and was in the campaign in the Wilderness and at the battle of Spottsylvania, where he was wounded in the right fore-arm while making a bayonet charge; was taken prisoner and sent to Richmond, where he was confined in prison three months and two days, when he was exchanged and brought to Annapolis, Md. He was honorably discharged after one year's service. During his incarceration in the Rebel prison he suffered severely. He had there an attack of typhoid fever and chronic diarrhœa, from the effects of which he never recovered. So weak was he when he was discharged that he had to be assisted in walking. His wound was dressed in prison, and three and a half inches of bone extracted from his arm. Mr. Marley and wife are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church; he is a member of the G. A. R. Post, Meadville, of the State Police of Erie and Crawford, and of the P. of H. He has held several of the minor offices of the county, and is now serving a term as Justice of the Peace. In politics he is a stanch Republican. On April 8, 1884, he received the nomination of the Republican primaries for County Commissioner.

REV. JOHN W. PONTIUS, clergyman, Cochranton, was born near Millerstown, Butler Co., Penn., August 14, 1846; prepared himself for college at the Clarion Collegiate Institute, Rimersburg, Penn.; entered Franklin and Marshall College, Lancaster, Penn., in the fall of 1869, and graduated in 1873; was licensed to preach the gospel June 11, 1875; was ordained to the holy ministry July 18, 1875, and installed as pastor of the Mission Church at Lock Haven, Penn., on the same day. On account of ill health he was constrained to resign at the close of the year, but succeeded in placing the mission on a fair footing, and increasing its membership from twenty to forty-three. He received a call from Zion's charge in this county, April 4, 1877, and accepted the same and entered upon the duties of his present pastorate April 15, 1877.

THOMAS SHAFER, hotel keeper, Cochranton, was born in Mead Township, September 5, 1835, and is a son of Philip and Elizabeth (Knierman) Shafer, natives of Germany, who settled in Mead Township, this county, in 1830, where Mr. Shafer worked three years on a farm and then removed to Greenwood Township, purchasing a farm there which he cleared and improved and where he has resided ever since. He has six children living: Henry, Thomas, Philip, George, John and David. The subject of this sketch was raised on the farm and educated in the schools of Greenwood Township. In 1856 he went to California and engaged in mining. In 1859 he returned and located in Union Township,

this county, engaging in farming, and there remained until 1871, when he came to Cochranton and has been chiefly engaged in hotel keeping ever since. He was married November, 1863, to Fanny, daughter of James and Rebecca (Robinson) Martin, of Cochranton, and by this union they have five children, of whom but one now survives. Mr. Shafer keeps the leading hotel of Cochranton, and is always ready and willing to cater to the wants of the traveling public and make them feel at home; in connection with his hotel runs a fine livery. He has been Burgess of Cochranton one term and has held other minor offices. In politics he is independent.

REV. C. B. WAKEFIELD, the subject of this sketch, was born in Jefferson Township, Fayette Co., Penn., October 15, 1852. Here he was reared and educated, attending the common schools until fourteen years of age, when he was sent to fitting school preparatory to entering college. Having made the necessary preparation, he entered Waynesburg College, Pennsylvania, in the latter part of 1868, and graduated in the Classical Department in 1873. All of this time was not spent in college, as the subject of this sketch, like many another poor boy, had to step aside from the regular duties of college, and teach to earn money to prosecute his studies. From 1873 to 1876 he spent in the teaching profession, at the same time paying some little attention to law. About this time Mr. Wakefield connected with the Presbyterian Church, and determined to study for the Gospel ministry. In the summer of 1876 he entered the National School of Elocution and Oratory at Philadelphia, taking the junior course, and in the fall of the same year matriculated at the Western Theological Seminary, where he spent three years, graduating in the spring of 1879. He was immediately invited to occupy the pulpit of the Presbyterian Church at Somerset, Penn. This invitation was accepted, and on June 7, 1879, at the regular meeting of Redstone Presbytery, he was ordained to preach the Gospel, and installed pastor for half-time of the Somerset Presbyterian Church. This work was partly under the supervision of the Board of Home Missions. While here Mr. Wakefield married Anna Benford, second daughter of G. W. Benford. He remained two years at Somerset, and then removed to Fairchance, Penn., accepting a call there and only remaining six months. The next permanent settlement he made was in Cochranton, Crawford County, in 1881, where he now resides, having accepted a call to the Presbyterian Church of this place.

AARON WELLER, farmer, P. O. Shaw's Landing, was born in Massachusetts in 1813, coming in 1817 with his parents, Jonathan and Lovina Weller, to this county, where his father was killed by a falling tree in 1819, and his mother died in 1840. They had a family of nine children, of whom Aaron is the seventh. He was married in November, 1840, to Miss Olive Coburn, of Randolph Township, this county, who has borne him four children, all living: Almeron, William, Mary and Jeanette. Mary married Thomas Blanchard, and Jeanette married William Best, and both reside on farms contiguous to that of their father. The sons are members of the P. of H. The politics of the family is Democratic. Mr. Weller has a well-improved farm of 100 acres on which he has lived twenty-two years.

EAST FALLOWFIELD TOWNSHIP.

SAMUEL H. FINDLEY, farmer, P. O. Atlantic, was born in East Fallowfield Township, this county, February 4, 1821, son of Moses and Elizabeth (Hays) Findley, natives of Ireland of Scotch descent. They immigrated to America in 1808 and 1803 respectively, settling in this county, where they were married in 1811. They had a family of ten children, of whom only three are now living, viz.: Thomas W., J. B. and Samuel H. The father died December 14, 1846, aged sixty-three years, and the mother died April 6, 1874, aged eighty-three years. Our subject has made his home on the old homestead, where he still remains and has given his chief attention to farming; has also given some time to carpentering. He built a large cheese factory which he operated several years in this township. Mr. Findley was married June 22, 1847, to Miss Louisa Custard, a native of Greenwood Township, this county, born November 17, 1827, and daughter of Richard and Almera (Wetmore) Custard, former a native of Pennsylvania of German descent, latter a native of New York State, of English descent. They settled in this county in 1798, and were married here in 1826. They had two children, one now living—the wife of our subject—with whom they now make their home, the father aged eighty-nine, the mother eighty-seven. To Mr. and Mrs. Findley were born seven sons and five daughters, viz.: Almera L., William H., Richard C., M. Elizabeth, Frank E., Thomas C., Emma E., R. Anna, Hattie C., James H., Samuel R. and Glennie M., all living. Our subject and wife are members of the United Presbyterian Church. He has served the township in most of its offices; was ten years a Justice of the Peace; in 1874 was elected Representative from this county, serving until 1878. In politics Mr. Findley is a Republican.

OBADIAH H. LACKEY, farmer, P. O. Atlantic, was born in Salem Township, Mercer Co., Penn., February 7, 1818, son of William and Mary (Hazen) Lackey, natives of this State, of English and Irish descent respectively, and whose parents came to this country in 1798, settling in Mercer County, Penn. William Lackey came from Allegheny County, Penn., to this county, where he lived until he married; then moved to Salem Township, Mercer Co., Penn. He raised his family in Salem Township, which township adjoins East Fallowfield, this county. He died in May, 1871, aged seventy-five; his widow died April 14, 1873, aged seventy-three. Our subject followed carpentering for about thirty years, and in 1842 purchased land in this township upon which he now resides. This he cleared and improved, and here he carries on general farming. Mr. Lackey was married March 13, 1845, to Miss Mary Minnis, a native of this township, born February 14, 1827, and a daughter of William and Sarah (Mattocks) Minnis. To this union were born one son and four daughters: Emily C., Sarah M., Mary, Annabella and William M., all now living except Mary. Mr. and Mrs. Lackey are members of the Baptist Church. In politics he is a Democrat.

JOHN MINNIS, farmer, P. O. Atlantic, was born in East Fallowfield Township, this county, October 15, 1831; son of William and Sarah (Mattocks) Minnis, natives of this State, of Scotch-Irish and English-German descent, respectively, and whose parents were among the first settlers of this

county. William Minnis died in 1876, aged eighty-three; his widow, now in her ninety-second year, resides with our subject. John Minnis became owner of his father's homestead in 1852, and still resides thereon. He has improved it in many ways. He was twice married; on first occasion, in 1853, to Miss Sarah Allen, of Mercer County, this State, whose parents were early settlers in that county. To this union were born four children, viz.: Nancy E., Caroline, William W. and Joseph G. Mrs. Minnis dying July 26, 1869, our subject married, December 1, 1870, Miss Rachel C. Boyd, a native of Guernsey County, Ohio. She is the mother of two children: George B. and Victor H. Our subject has served the township in most of its offices; in politics he is a Democrat. His first wife was a Methodist; his present one is a Presbyterian.

JAMES F. RANDOLPH, farmer, P. O. Adamsville, was born in Mead Township, this county, May 4, 1813; son of James F. and Charlotte (Ulery) Randolph, natives of New Jersey and Ohio, and of English and German descent, respectively. Our subject's father came to this county in 1792; was married in 1799, and by this union were born thirteen children, of whom only three are now living: George F., James F. and Amanda L. The parents both died in this township. Our subject received a common school education and taught school thirteen winters in this county. In 1838 he purchased land in this township, on which he now resides, and this he has cleared and otherwise much improved. Mr. Randolph was married February 3, 1845, to Mrs. Mary (McQueen) McMichael, of East Fallowfield Township, and by this union were born twins: John O. and James O., former of whom died in infancy; latter resides on the home farm with his father, is married and has a family of three children: Mary A., James H. and Bessie M. Mrs. Randolph had five children by her first husband, who died April 13, 1835. She died December 6, 1881, in her seventy-third year. She was a member of the United Presbyterian Church, of which denomination Mr. Randolph is also a member. In politics he is a Republican.

FAIRFIELD TOWNSHIP.

THOMAS C. CALVIN, farmer, P. O. Calvin's Corners, was born in West Fallowfield Township, this county, April 1, 1835, and is a son of Robert and Elizabeth (Kelly) Calvin. James Calvin, his grandfather, born near Washington County, Penn., came as a pioneer about 1800, purchasing and clearing a farm, and remaining on it till his death. T. C. Calvin's maternal grandfather, John Kelly, a native of Ireland, was also an early settler of East Fallowfield. His father, Robert Calvin, was born in Mercer County, Penn., but spent most of his life on a farm in this county, and for the past few years a resident of Meadville. He had seven children: Catherine, Jeanette, Sarah, James, John M., Thomas C. and David M., the first four of whom are deceased. Our subject was married, February 14, 1872, to Miss Mary, daughter of Samuel Baxter, of Mercer County, Penn., by whom he has one child living—Robert C., Jr. Mr. Calvin came to this township in 1852, with his parents, and has ever since resided on his present farm. He is a member of the United Presbyterian Church; has held several township offices. In politics he is a Republican.

JOSEPH H. DICKSON, farmer, P. O. Cochranton, was born August 10,

1832, in this township, and is a son of George and Rachel (McQuiston) Dickson. The father was a native of Fairfield Township, this county, where he lived all his life, dying March 1, 1845; the mother, after the decease of Mr. Dickson, married John Crouch, with whom she now resides on the old homestead. Mr. and Mrs. Dickson had a family of eleven children, of whom five are now living. Our subject was married, December 23, 1858, to Mary E., daughter of Johnson and Eliza A. (Larimer) Birch. They have one daughter—Nettie, who was married, May 30, 1883, to Andrew J. Baughman, and one son, George, deceased aged fourteen months. Mrs. Dickson is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church. Mr. Dickson is a Democrat, and has held the offices of Collector, Constable, and Judge of Elections.

JOHN G. HANES, farmer, P. O. Custard's, was born in Munsingen, Kingdom of Wurtemberg, Germany, November 24, 1810, and is a son of Philip and Catharine (Mann) Hanes. He came to America, landing in Philadelphia August 1, 1832, and married on the fourth of the following month Anna M., daughter of Henry and Anna M. (Shoup) Mauch. After his marriage he settled in Columbia County, Penn., where he resided until 1842, when he settled on his present farm in this township, which he cleared and improved from a wilderness, contending with the trials attending early pioneer life. Mr. and Mrs. Hanes have had a family of six children, of whom there are now living Catharine, Andrew, and Hannah, now Mrs. A. M. Framnuth. Mr. and Mrs. Framnuth have two children: Mary E. and John A. He enlisted, in 1862, in Company H, One Hundred and Fiftieth Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, served three years in the Quartermaster's department, and at the close of the war was honorably discharged. Mr. Hanes has a farm of seventy acres where he lives, on which, and on another farm of fifty-three acres close by, he has made such improvements as to cause him to be regarded as one of the representative farmers of his township. He and his family are members of the German Reformed Church. In politics he is a Democrat.

SAMUEL HILL, farmer, P. O. Cochranton, was born in November, 1807, and is a son of Archibald and Mary (Fulton) Hill, natives of Ireland. His father came to America in 1797, located on a tract of 400 acres, of which Samuel still owns 150 acres, where he resides. His mother came to America in 1792, and with her husband located, immediately after marriage, on a farm in the woods, which they, as soon as possible, set to work to improve. Mr. Hill, in order to get the necessaries of life, worked in a saw-mill for a Dr. Kennedy. He died May 3, 1817, aged fifty-two years. Mrs. Hill died April 7, 1845, aged sixty-five years. They had a family of eight children, of whom three survive. Samuel, the fourth in the family, was married December 24, 1840, to Margaret, daughter of James and Sarah (Fulton) Montgomery, and by this union were born seven children: Archibald, who volunteered August, 1862, in Company H, One Hundred and Fiftieth Regiment Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, serving till his death September 5, 1863, after participating in the battle of Gettysburg; James, who enlisted in same corps, at same time, serving till the close of the war, and receiving a flesh wound at Gettysburg; Thomas, George, Milton and Eliza J. The family is Republican in politics. Mr. and Mrs. Hill are members of the United Presbyterian Church.

COL. R. C. JOHNSON, President of the Cochranton Farmer's Co-operative Associated Bank, P. O. Shaw's Landing, was born in New York State, March 4, 1805, and is a son of Richard C. and Sabina (Blomers) Johnson, natives of New York, and of English and Holland descent. His father, who was a merchant, lost his life in the war of 1812. Our subject received a district school education, and came to this county in February, 1832, settling in

Spring Township. He married Martha Cook, who died, leaving no children; then the Colonel married Mary A., daughter of Edward and Nancy (Burchfield) Herrington, natives of this State, who came to Crawford County in 1795 or 1796. Mrs. Johnson's father was a farmer, and was in the war of 1812; her grandfather, James Herrington, and two of his brothers were in the Revolutionary war, were present at Yorktown, and saw Cornwallis deliver up his sword to Gen. Washington. Her grandfather settled at the outlet of Conneaut Lake, where he built a mill soon after the Revolutionary war; he was also a surveyor. Mrs. Johnson is of English and Irish origin. Col. and Mrs. Johnson have no children now living. The Colonel is a prominent member of the Masonic fraternity, being a member of Lodge No. 234, of which he has been Worshipful Master for three terms; he has also been Presiding Officer of the Chapter, and was first High Priest. He was elected Master of Conneaut Grange in 1874; re-elected in 1875; appointed District Deputy for Crawford County by D. B. Mauger, Master of the State Grange of Pennsylvania; was elected Master of Crawford County, Pomona Grange, in 1877; appointed Deputy at Large for the State of Pennsylvania in March, 1877, by Col. Victor E. Piolett, who was then Master of State Grange. Politically, the Colonel is Democratic; has served as Deputy Sheriff under Charles F. Adams; has been for ten years Superintendent of the canal; has served as Mail Agent for the New York & Erie Railroad for two years. He had served in the Militia from an early day, and had risen to the rank of Colonel, and on the outbreak of the late Rebellion he promptly took sides with his country, raised a company of cavalry, of which he was elected Captain, and was assigned to the Second Pennsylvania Cavalry. He served until 1862, when he resigned. The Colonel has always taken an active interest in all that could promote the progress of Crawford County.

ORVIS MANN, farmer, P. O. Custard's, was born in Dutchess County, N. Y., July 28, 1807, and is a son of William and Ruhamah (Barnum) Mann, who removed to Delaware in his infancy, and there he was reared. His maternal grandfather, Isbon Barnum, who was a soldier in the Revolutionary war, died in his native State, Connecticut, aged about seventy. Our subject was married in 1836, to Miss Mary, daughter of Edward Burhans, of Delaware County, N. Y., by whom he had six children: Frances, Mrs. Newel Bly, Helen, Electa (now Mrs. William A. Cook), Mary L., Mrs. Jerome J. Hill, Josephine, and an infant deceased. In 1838 Mr. Mann settled in Chautauqua County, N. Y., where he resided until 1853, when he removed to this township, locating on the farm on which he still resides, and a part of which he cleared and improved. He has held several township offices. In politics he is a Democrat.

WILLIAM H. MARSHALL, farmer, P. O. Custard's, was born in Fairfield Township, this county, March 31, 1840, and is a son of John and Isabel (Leonard) Marshall. The former was a native of Fairfield Township, this county, and spent his whole life on the farm where our subject was born; he died August 31, 1870, aged fifty-nine years; the latter, a native of Massachusetts, came with her parents to Pennsylvania about 1820. They had a family of seven children, of whom five are now living, William H. being the eldest. He was married March 20, 1872, to Laura, daughter of John Mallery, a resident of this township. They have a home farm of ninety-eight acres, well improved. Politically Mr. Marshall is a Republican.

AARON W. MUMFORD, farmer, P. O. Cochranton, was born in September, 1808, on a farm adjoining his present home, where he was reared and educated; son of James and Catharine (Wright) Mumford, whose fathers were both in the Revolutionary war. Our subject began going to school in the first schoolhouse

in the township, which was situated within a hundred yards of his present residence, and he then played with his schoolmates in the shade of a white oak tree now in his door yard, and the tree has been preserved because of this fact. "Woodman, spare that tree, touch not a single bough; in youth it sheltered me, and I'll protect it now." The schoolhouse was made of round logs. The windows were spaces of about eight inches wide, extending the full length of the building, over which was stretched greased paper, supported by sticks across the "window." The desks were slabs laid on pins driven in the wall below the window, and the seats were slabs with pins for legs. The room was heated by a fire-place the full size of the end of the house. Mr. Mumford was married January 14, 1834, to Miss Margaret Moore, of Mercer County, Penn., daughter of Hugh and Ann (Sheakley) Moore, and to this union were born six children: Sarah A., Mary C., James M., Hugh A., Sue S. and Anna M. The first three are deceased. James M., the only married one of those three, left a wife and four children. Hugh A. is married to Sarah Dean and has two children. Sue S. was married to Joseph Thatcher, who died in January, 1874, leaving one child, born on the anniversary of his grandfather's birth, for whom he is named. Mr. Mumford has served two terms as County Surveyor of Crawford County, and fifteen years as Justice of the Peace of his township. At the time of its construction he was one of the Directors of the Atlantic & Great Western (now the New York, Pennsylvania & Ohio Railroad), also of the Franklin branch. At the same time he was general agent of the company, the buying of ties, lumber, and procuring the right of way resting chiefly upon him. He is one of Crawford's most highly respected citizens, and has excellent business ability.

ALLEN NELSON, farmer, P. O. Cochranton, was born June 6, 1814, in Fairfield Township, this county, on the farm formerly occupied by his parents, David and Jane (Milligan) Nelson. His grandfather, John Milligan, was an early settler of Westmoreland County, Penn. His father, David Nelson, came to this county in company with Capt. Buchanan in the fall of 1796, took up the land on which our subject now resides, built a small cabin, cleared one acre, sowed wheat thereon, and shortly returned to Westmoreland County, and in 1797 married Jane, daughter of John Milligan, returned in the spring, and began as a pioneer in the woods. His death occurred in June, 1848, at the ripe age of seventy-two years. Their family consisted of the following children: Polly (Mrs. Myers), aged eighty-four; Betsy, wife of Rev. Thomas McDaniel; John, deceased; James, deceased; David, deceased; Jane (Mrs. McClintock), Allen, William and Daniel. Our subject was married in December, 1835, to Hannah, daughter of Allen Dunn, of Sandy Lake, an old settler. She was the youngest of a family of seven children. To Mr. and Mrs. Nelson were born—Elizabeth, now Mrs. William Line, in Kansas; David, deceased; Dunn, married to Martha Bell; Francis, married to Sarah A. Williams; Samuel, married to Mary Patton; Leslie; Margaret, now Mrs. Applegate, in Kansas; Emory; and James, deceased. Mr. Nelson is a member of the United Presbyterian Church. His father was a Colonel in the war of 1812, and served seven months at Fort Meigs.

HENRY PETERMAN, farmer, P. O. Cochranton, was born in this township, May 16, 1820, and is a son of Henry and Julia Ann (Hart) Peterman, who settled in Fairfield Township in 1802, locating on and improving the farm now owned by Henry Hart, and where they continued to reside during the remainder of their lives. They had seven children: Betsy (deceased), Julia (deceased), Peter (deceased), Conrad, Sarah (deceased), Rachel (now Mrs. Joseph Kirkpatrick, in Canada), and Henry. Our subject married, April 6,

1843, Jane, daughter of William and Eliza (Kirkpatrick) Gourley, natives of Ireland, who settled in this township about 1830. The issue of this union was seven children: William, Maggie (Mrs. Charles Strayer), May J. (Mrs. William Evans), Ina (Mrs. William Ewing), Margaret M. (Mrs. Benjamin McNamara), Sarah L. (Mrs. Eben Hamilton) and Joseph. Mr. Peterman has resided on his present farm since 1865, and he is one of Fairfield's representative farmers. He and wife and six eldest children are members of the United Presbyterian Church, of Cochranton. In politics he is a Democrat.

JOHN H. PETERMAN, farmer, P. O. Cochranton, was born February 25, 1836, on his grandfather's farm in Fairfield Township, this county, and is a son of Conrad and Eliza (Gourley) Peterman. His father was a native of this county, and was married February 27, 1834, and reared a family of nine children, of whom seven survive, John H. being the eldest. His mother was a native of Ireland. Our subject was married December 16, 1858, to Miss Jane Chatley, who has borne him nine children, of whom eight survive. He was elected Justice of the Peace in 1874 and in 1880 for terms of five years each. By trade Mr. Peterman is a carpenter, and has built many of the frame houses in the neighborhood. During the late war he was drafted October 16, 1862, and served nine months in Company I, One Hundred and Sixty-ninth Regiment. He is a member of Silas W. Smith Post, G. A. R., and of the P. of H. He and wife are members of the United Presbyterian Church. In politics he is a Democrat. His home farm comprises about 130 acres.

WILLIAM PORTER (deceased) was born in York County, Penn., March 20, 1805, and was a son of John and Mary (May) Porter, who came to this county in 1808, settling on land near French Creek, in Fairfield Township, and had a family of seven children, of whom two, James and Thomas, are known to be now living. (Martha, if alive, is in Nevada.) Our subject was married November, 1827, to Sarah, daughter of Richard and Sarah (Curts) Custard, the tenth in a family of twelve children. He died April 24, 1869, leaving the following children: Nancy A. (deceased), Mary A., John, Benjamin F., James A., George C., Dr. Samuel S., William P., Sarah C. (deceased), Annie B., Frances L., Martha J. (deceased) Mary A. married Hiram Power, has three children; John married Celestia Tinker (deceased) and has two children; Benjamin F. married Helen Derrickson, and has one child; James A. married Miss Small, have two children; Dr. Samuel S. married Nellie Vanzant, of New York, resides in Meadville, engaged in the practice of medicine, has one son; William P. married Jane H. Hannah, have four children; Annie B. married Samuel Bly, have two children; Frances L. married John Shaffer, now of Idaho, have two children. Mrs. Porter is now a resident of Custard Village. She is a member of the United Presbyterian Church; a lady of much public spirit.

ANDREW READ, farmer, P. O. Cochranton, was born in Allegheny County, Penn., May 23, 1809, and is a son of William and Isabel (Todd) Read. His grandfather, William Read, was an early settler of Allegheny County, and his maternal grandfather, Henry Todd, was an early settler of eastern Pennsylvania. Our subject came to this county in 1854, locating on his present farm in Fairfield Township. His first wife was Jane, daughter of Robert and Elizabeth (Gaunee) Cooper, of Allegheny County, by whom he had five children: Elizabeth (Mrs. Robert Stevenson), William (deceased), James, Isabel (Mrs. Hiram Blood), Catharine (Mrs. Reuben Painter). His present wife is Polly, daughter of Henry and Margaret (Scroggs) Heath, of Fairfield Township, this county. Her father was a native of Allegheny County, Penn.; settled in Fairfield Township in 1798, where he cleared and

improved a farm, afterward removing to Wayne Township, locating on the farm now owned and occupied by his son, Robert Heath, and where he lived and died. He built a powder-mill there, and was a manufacturer of powder for several years. Mrs. Read's maternal grandfather was Allen Scroggs, formerly of Westmoreland County, and of Scotch descent. He settled on the farm now owned by our subject in 1796, which he cleared and improved, and where he lived till his death. Mr. and Mrs. Read are members of the United Presbyterian Church. In politics he is a stanch Democrat.

CHARLES STRAYER, farmer, P. O. Cochranton, was born in Fairfield Township, this county, August 9, 1844, and is a son of Martin and Rachel (Ralya) Strayer. His father, a native of Little York, Penn., is a son of Daniel Strayer, and settled in Fairfield Township in 1832, purchasing a farm which he cleared and improved, and where he lived until 1867, when he removed to Iowa, where he now resides. He had nine children: Miley, Anna, Levi, Charles, Perry, William, Mary A., Nancy J. and Rebecca C. Our subject has always resided in this township except when he enlisted, September, 1861, in the late war, re-enlisting in 1863, and serving until the close of the war. He was at the battles of Cedar Mountain, Rappahannock Station, Antietam, Chancellorsville, Gettysburg and many other engagements. He was married September 10, 1868, to Miss Elizabeth M., daughter of Henry and Jane (Gourley) Peterman, by whom he has two children: Henry M. and William J. Mr. Strayer has resided on his present farm since 1866. He is a member of the G. A. R.; in politics a Republican.

GREENWOOD TOWNSHIP.

WILLIAM P. BILES, farmer, P. O. Custard's, was born on the banks of the Monongahela River, in Washington County, Penn., March 18, 1814, and is the son of Charles and Jane (Miles) Biles, whose children were eight in number, as follows: Jehial, Eleanor, William P., Mary, John, Asbury, Enos and Andrew. Jehial, Eleanor and Mary all died, leaving families at Cincinnati, Ohio, Pittsburgh, Penn., and Poland, Ohio, respectively; John and Enos are also dead; Asbury and family live in Missouri. Charles Biles and wife lived and died in Lawrence County, Penn. Our subject was married March, 1836, to Annie, daughter of James and Nancy (Mitchell) Murdock, by whom he has had four children: John, married Sally A. Williams (have one child—Edith); Caroline, married William Aramor (have two children: Ida and Carrie); James, married Bertha Power (they have lost one child—Wallace); William P., Jr., married Sarah Dilla (he studied medicine at Cincinnati, Ohio, and is now practicing at Union City (has two children: William and Bertha). Andrew Biles, our subject's brother, was a soldier in the late war, and fought like a hero as he was through the seven battles participated in by the Potomac Army and survived them all, but when fever laid its hand upon him he fell. His father went to meet him at Philadelphia and brought him home, and, at his own request, he was buried by his mother. Our subject in religious belief is an Adventist.

JONATHAN D. CHRIST, farmer, P. O. Geneva, was born April 19, 1831, in Austintown, Trumbull Co., Ohio, and is a son of Daniel F. and Mary (Grove) Christ, of the Buckeye State. He settled in this township in 1840,

and married, first, Emeliza, daughter of Robert and Cynthia (Brower) Williams, of this county, by whom he had nine children: Mary J., Mary Chastina, Isaiah L., Robert D., Frederick A., Etta L., James C., David C. and John E. His wife died March 30, 1873, and he afterward married Elizabeth, daughter of Reuben and Lonly (Anderson) Sutton, of this township. Mr. Christ is a thorough business man, having at one time been Justice of the Peace, and filled other offices of the township and county. He at one time owned nearly all the land upon which the little village of Geneva now stands. He is an upright, Christian man, belonging to the United Brethren Church, and its chief supporter in this vicinity. In politics he is a stanch Prohibitionist.

JOSIAH J. COULTER, merchant miller, Geneva, was born February 18, 1836, in Venango Township, Crawford Co., Penn., and is a son of Wilson and Elizabeth Coulter, of this county. He moved to this township in 1871, purchasing a grist-mill which was known as the McMichael & Brooks Mill; has improved the mill until now it is one of the best country mills, and now making a very fine brand of what is termed "hulled buckwheat" flour. This is conceded to be the best in the market, and is being shipped in all directions. He has lately put in a thirty-horse power engine from the Phœnix Iron Works, of Meadville, Penn. The engine-house is built entirely of brick and iron, thus making it perfectly fire proof. By careful business management and upright dealing, Mr. Coulter has acquired an excellent reputation with all who know him. The mill is situated in the southern portion of the county, and is easy of access, with good roads leading to it from all directions.

A. P. MARSHALL, farmer, P. O. Custard's, was born February 28, 1839, in Fairfield Township, this county, and is a son of John and Isabel (Leonard) Marshall, natives and life-long residents of this county, descendants of New England families who were among the earliest settlers of Crawford County. They were parents of seven children, of whom five are now living: Harrison, Clinton, Landsing (deceased), James, Alexander, John, Mary Ellen (deceased). Mrs. Marshall still occupies the old home farm, she having lost her husband in 1870. Our subject was married November, 1882, to Ella, daughter and second in the family of six children of Hiram Randolph, an old and highly respected family of early pioneers of this county. The issue of this marriage was one child—James G. The farm of Mr. Marshall is well watered and improved, and is situated in the northern part of the township near Custard's Postoffice.

WILLIAM J. MELLON, lumber dealer and merchant miller, Geneva, was born April 14, 1832, and is the son of Alexander and Isabella (Porter) Mellon, who settled in this county about 1830, and purchased 200 acres of land upon which he built the second grist-mill in this section of the country. His maternal grandfather, Francis Porter, with his wife, Ruth, settled in this county about 1803, where they had seven children, all now living: Elizabeth, aged eighty-two; Isabella, aged eighty; William, aged seventy-eight; Rachel, aged seventy-six; Charles, aged seventy-four; James, aged seventy-three; Mary, aged sixty-eight. Our subject has never been married and has lived a rather secluded life, improving the property which was left in his charge; he is strictly upright in all his dealings with his fellow-men, and has the respect and admiration of all who know him. His father's family consists of seven children: William J., John, Francis, Rachel, Mary, Alexander and Sarah. Our subject is no politician. In religious views the family are Presbyterian.

DAVID E. SMITH, hotel-keeper, Geneva, was born in Woodcock Town-

ship, this county, January 20, 1832, and is the son of Jeremiah and Catharine (Ritner) Smith. His grandfather, James Smith, settled in this county about 1796, and married Ruth Ann, daughter of Sergeant Picket (of Revolutionary fame) and they had eleven children: Robert, William, James, George, Jeremiah, Betsy, Sally, Polly, Edward, Andrew and Joseph. His maternal grandfather, David Ritner, brother of Gov. Joseph Ritner, settled in this county about 1815, married Anna Catharine Fiscus, of Pennsylvania, and had nine children: Susan, Henry, Maria, Fannie, Daniel, Peggy, Benjamin, Catharine and Jane. The parents of our subject had twelve children: Martin, Peter, David E., Ruth Ann, Sylvester, Mary, Angeline, Van Buren, George, Nathan, Clara and Fannie. Our subject was married three times; the first time to Mary Jane, daughter of Thomas and Martha Lillibridge, of this county. The date of this marriage was September 25, 1854, and the issue was two children: Josephine and Lavina; he was separated from this woman in April, 1858. Mr. Smith next married Susan, daughter of Peter and Susan (Hamilton) McKeever, July 14, 1861. She died February 11, 1864, leaving one child, Flora Belle. His third wife is Amanda Maria, daughter of James and Emily (Johnson) Hood, of this county, by whom he has four children: Os.ce A., Gertrude, Eugene and David W. Our subject has, by his own indomitable perseverance, placed himself in the front rank of business men. He has held several borough offices; in politics is a stanch Republican.

HAYFIELD TOWNSHIP.

LEWIS P. ACKER, farmer, P. O. Coon's Corners, was born in Lehigh County, Penn., February 8, 1847, and is a son of Jonas and Mary (Frantz) Acker, who came to Crawford County, Penn., in 1852, and lived six months in Woodcock Township. In the fall of 1852 he settled on the farm now occupied by our subject, part of which he cleared and improved. Mr. Acker died in August, 1865, at the age of forty-seven years. Both he and his wife were natives of Lehigh County, Penn., and were of German descent. They had ten children: Willoughby F. (deceased), Lewis P., Henry, Reuben, Alexander, John, James, Mary (Mrs. Frank Lilly), Christiana (deceased) and Lovina (deceased). Our subject resides on the old homestead with his mother, who has attained the age of sixty-five. He is a member of the State Police; has been Assessor of the township two terms; in politics he is a Democrat. He is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

ISAAC W. ALLEE, farmer, P. O. Saegerstown, was born in Hayfield Township, this county, February 23, 1834, son of John and Nancy (Truitt) Allee. John was a native of Delaware, and a son of Isaac Allee, a native of Holland, his wife a native of England. Both settled in what is now Hayfield Township, this county, in 1796. Isaac W. located on the farm now owned by James Kilday, but remained there only a short time. John settled on the farm now occupied by our subject, when but fourteen years of age, taking up 400 acres of land in his father's name. His father soon after came on the farm, and he went to Saegertown, and worked in the grist-mill for Maj. Alden several years, when he returned to Hayfield and worked the farm now owned by Wilson Hunter and Ezra Brookhouser. Here he lived two or three years, when he purchased his father's farm, all of which he cleared and improved, and

where he resided until his death, which occurred November 29, 1862, in his eightieth year. He was in the war of 1812, serving as Quartermaster; was a Justice of the Peace of Hayfield Township for twenty-two years. Nancy, his wife, was a native of Armstrong County, Penn., and a daughter of Parker Truitt, of English and Irish descent. John had five children: Patience (Mrs. Isaac Miller), now of Bloomfield Township; Parker, deceased; Keziah (Mrs. Leonard Erwin), of Cussewago Township; Rhoda, deceased; Isaac W. Our subject was married November 7, 1860, to Mary J., daughter of Peter A. and Betsy (Dirham) Gage, early settlers of Cambridge Township, this county. By this union there were six children: Alice K., Ella L. (Mrs. George D. Manville, of Warren, Penn.), Bessie M., Mary D., Kate W. and John G. Mr. Allee resides on the old homestead where his father first settled. He has filled many of the offices in the gift of his township. In politics he is a Republican.

LEWIS R. AMIDON, farmer, P. O. Hayfield, was born in Hayfield Township, this county, on the farm where he now resides, May 6, 1839, and is a son of Elijah and Elizabeth (Spaulding) Amidon, who settled in Spring Township, this county in 1834, and in 1835 removed to Hayfield Township, locating on the farm now owned by our subject, which they cleared and improved and there they lived and died. They had nine children, viz.: Hiram; Mary I., deceased; Horace S., deceased; Miranda (Mrs. A. Keep); George R.; Henry, deceased; William H.; Lewis R. and Lucinda (twins), the latter deceased. The Amidons were of French descent, and the Spauldings of Puritan stock, whose ancestors came over in the "Mayflower." The subject of this sketch has been twice married. His first wife was Caroline, daughter of Samuel and Rosana (Bradish) Russell, of Summerhill Township, this county, to whom he was married July 3, 1862, and by this union there were three children: Gertrude, Frank and Russell. Our subject married his present wife December 27, 1874. She is Amanda, daughter of Parker and Catherine (Baker) Allee, and grand-daughter of John Allee, who settled in Hayfield Township, this county, in 1796. By this union there are four children: Louie, Albert R., Clifton E., and Clarence, deceased. Mr. Amidon resides on the old homestead farm. He is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and his wife of the Baptist. He has held several offices in the township; in politics he is a Republican.

WILLIAM ARMSTRONG, farmer, P. O. Saegerstown, was born in York County, Penn., February 19, 1814, son of John and Mary (Hinkle) Armstrong, who settled in Hayfield Township in 1834, our subject coming at the same time. John was a native of Halifax, Nova Scotia, and his wife of York County, Penn. They settled on the property now occupied by the Saegertown Cemetery, which they cleared and improved. They had three children: William, Sarah (Mrs. David Gehr) and Eliza (Mrs. Balzer Henry). Our subject was married November 15, 1834, to Lucy A., daughter of Frederick and Margaret (Gehr) Hickernell, of Hayfield Township, by whom he had ten children, seven now living, viz.: Alfred B., married Abba Woodring (had fifteen children, three deceased); Sarah, married Tillman Frantz (had six children, one deceased); Margaret, married Robert Kern (had five children); William L., married Jennie Wasson (have one child); Isaac S., married Katie Harteon (have six children); John W., married Amelia Ridle (had two children, one dead), and Kernie, married T. B. Peters (have one child). Mr. Armstrong has resided in Hayfield Township since 1834. He has held the office of Justice of the Peace, and various other offices in the gift of his township. In politics he is a Republican. Both he and his wife are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

GEORGE W. BARNES, farmer, P. O. Hayfield, was born in Fairfield Township, this county, August 12, 1841; son of Palmer and Elizabeth (Wien) Barnes, formerly of Berks County, who settled in Fairfield Township in 1836, cleared and improved a farm there and afterward came to Hayfield Township, where the father is living with our subject at the present time. They had six children: Hannah (Mrs. Andrew J. Wygant), Elizabeth, George W., Sarah (Mrs. Joseph Wolford), Molly (Mrs. I. Baker) and John. The subject of this sketch was raised on a farm and always followed farming as an occupation. He was in the late war of the Rebellion, having enlisted March 12, 1864, in Company A, One Hundred and Twenty-first Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry; was in the campaign of the Wilderness, Spottsylvania, Petersburg, Weldon Railroad, Hatcher's Run and many other engagements; was honorably discharged in July 1865. He was married July 14, 1861, to Elizabeth, daughter of Henry and Susan Humel, of Clarion County, Penn., by whom he has had three children: John (deceased), William and Kate. Mr. Barnes settled in Hayfield Township in 1869, and has lived on his present farm since 1875. He has held the offices of Supervisor and School Director. In politics he is a Republican.

PORTER J. BEEBE, manufacturer, Hayfield, was born in Batavia, N. Y., August 17, 1830; son of William and Cyrena (Maxon) Beebe, who settled in Hayfield Township, this county, in 1844 and there died. William was a blacksmith by trade, a native of Vermont and a son of Ebenezer Beebe. Cyrena, his wife, was a daughter of Joseph Maxon, of Allegany County, N. Y., and of Scotch descent. William had eight children: Porter, Kirtland, Lucy (Mrs. C. Fidler), Almiron (deceased), Lodema (Mrs. Ebenezer Bain) in Omaha, Mary (deceased), Alender and Charles. The subject of this sketch has resided in Hayfield Township since his father's settlement in 1844. He was married January 5, 1855, to Cynthia, daughter of Aretus and Hannah (Billings) Smith, formerly of Oneida County, N. Y., and among the first settlers of Hayfield Township. By this union there is one child—Jennie. In 1859 Mr. Beebe embarked in the manufacturing of lumber, in which he continued up to 1868. He is engaged in the manufacturing of handles, whiffletrees and neck yokes, in which he has done an extensive business since 1868, and has the largest manufactory of the kind in this county. In 1874 his mill, the largest in the county, burned down, but he re-built the same year. E. W. Shippen, of Meadville, has been interested with him since 1879. Mr. Beebe is one of the representative business men of the county; is a member of the R. T. of T., an I. O. O. F.; in politics is a Republican.

JAMES BOYD, farmer, P. O. Coon's Corners, was born in Butler County, Penn., April 6, 1831, and is a son of John and Sarah (Ruggles) Boyd, who settled in Wayne Township, this county, in 1845. His paternal grandfather was George Boyd, who settled in Butler County in 1800. The children of John were six in number: George, William and John (twins), James, Martin and Emeline (Mrs. Roland Fairbanks). Our subject worked five years in Meadville at the carpenter's trade and the balance of his life has been spent in farming. He was married January 19, 1860, to Edna, daughter of Warren and Martha (Bowen) Fairbanks, of Wayne Township, this county, formerly of Chautauqua County, N. Y. The issue of this union is nine children: John, Alzora, Herman, Lavonia, Warren, Edith, Jessie, Martin and Chester. Mr. Boyd came to Hayfield Township in 1879 and located on the farm where he now resides. Both he and his wife are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church. In politics he is a Republican.

EZRA BROOKHOUSER, farmer, P. O. Saegerstown, was born in Hayfield Township, this county, November 4, 1835, son of Jacob and Elizabeth (Straw)

Brookhouser. His paternal grandfather, Jacob Brookhouser, Sr., was a native of Philadelphia, and at an early age moved with his parents to Westmoreland County, Penn., where he lived until 1797, when he settled in what is now Hayfield Township, this county, on the farm now occupied by our subject, which he cleared and improved. Jacob, Sr., had seven children: Rhoda (Mrs. Michael Straw, deceased), Jacob, Polly (Mrs. John Saeger), Elias (deceased), Rebecca (Mrs. Joseph Fox), Nancy (Mrs. Philip Straw), Louisa (Mrs. David George). Jacob, Jr., was twice married, his first wife being Elizabeth Straw, daughter of Jacob Straw, who settled in Hayfield Township, this county, in 1796. By this union there were nine children: Amanda (deceased), Aaron (deceased), Emily (Mrs. Martin Flick), Sarah (Mrs. A. Mook), Mary (Mrs. James Herrick), Ezra, Louisa (Mrs. George Rhodes), Lavina (Mrs. John Hunter) and Almera (Mrs. George P. Miller). His second wife was Naomi Baker, of Saegertown. Our subject was married May 15, 1863, to Martha, daughter of Ezra and Mary (Polk) White, of Erie County, by whom he had three children: Victoria (deceased), Birdie and Freddie. Mr. Brookhouser has always lived in Hayfield Township, with the exception of eight years, when he resided in Michigan. His father died September 26, 1884, on the homestead where he was born and raised; for many years he had been a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church. Our subject in politics is a Democrat.

WILLIAM S. CAMPBELL, farmer, P. O. Venango, was born in Genesee County, N. Y., March 23, 1816; son of James and Olive (Bennett) Campbell, who settled in LeBœuf Township, Erie County, in 1819, where our subject resided until 1864, when he located in Hayfield Township, on the farm where he now resides. He has been twice married; his first wife was Martha, daughter of Edward Bunting, of Erie County, Penn., by whom he had eight children, five now living, viz.: Olive (Mrs. V. Ambrose), in Nebraska; Helen (Mrs. William Hooper), in Cattaraugus County, N. Y.; John, in same place; Margaret (Mrs. A. Haybarger), in Nebraska, and George, also in Nebraska. His present wife is Rachel, daughter of John Webster, of Cambridge Township, this county, by whom he has three children: Adella, Edward and William. Mr. Campbell is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and his wife is a Presbyterian. In politics our subject is a Republican.

OSCAR D. CLEMENS, farmer, P. O. Venango, was born in Venango Township, this county, November 13, 1841; son of William I. and Sarah (Culbertson) Clemens. William I. was a son of John Clemens, a native of Ireland, who was one of the first settlers of LeBœuf Township, Erie County, Penn. Sarah, his wife, was a daughter of John Culbertson, who settled in Washington Township, Erie County, Penn., in 1800. William I. settled in Venango Township in 1840. In 1847 he located on the farm now owned by M. Tuttle, then known as the Braden tract, comprising 114 acres, which he cleared and improved. He had eight children: Aleious A., Susan (Mrs. J. L. Skelton), Margaret (Mrs. Joseph Gridley), John C. (deceased), Josephine (Mrs. J. J. Whipple), Oscar D., W. I. (deceased), and Sabra (Mrs. James Detweiler). Oscar D., our subject, was married in September, 1864, to Tabitha, daughter of Henry and Elizabeth (Humes) Sherred, of Cambridge Township. By this union there are three children: Sabra, Ettie and Earl A. Mr. Clemens removed from Venango Township to Cambridge Township in the spring of 1869. In the spring of 1870 he moved to Cornplanter Township, Venango County, Penn., where he engaged in the oil business, meeting with success. In the spring of 1874 he came to Hayfield Township, where he now resides. Besides his farm of 112 acres in Hayfield Township, he owns a farm in Venango Township of sixty-eight acres and another in Steuben Township of 130

acres. He is a breeder of Norman and Percheron horses, having a herd of twelve, part of which are registered in the Percheron stud book, No. 2917, and in the Norman stud book, No. 2544. Also has horses registered in Percheron stud book, No. 2880, and in Norman stud book, No. 2506. Mr. Clemens is one of the representative farmers of his township; is an A. F. & A. M., and a member of the I. O. O. F. and K. of P.; in politics he is a Democrat.

ELIJAH D. CROSLEY, farmer, P. O. Coon's Corners, was born in Cumberland County, N. J., March 2, 1818, son of Moses and Catherine (Ayers) Crosley. Moses was a native of New Jersey, and settled in Hayfield Township, this county, in 1836, locating on the farm now owned by Robert Devore, where he lived and died. He had eleven children, viz.: James, Moses (deceased), Aaron (deceased), Edmund, Moses, Elijah D., Richard, Amasa (deceased), Nathan, (deceased), Elizabeth (deceased), Mary (deceased.) The subject of this sketch has been twice married; on first occasion to Eunice, daughter of Miles Curtis, of Hayfield Township, this county, by whom he had three children: Edmund, Miles, and an infant daughter, deceased. His present wife was Mrs. Laura Lake, daughter of Amasa Colegrove, of Litchfield, Ohio, by whom he has one child —Abram. Mr. Crosley has resided in Hayfield Township since 1836. He purchased his present farm in 1845, which he cleared, and on which he has made all the improvements. He is one of the representative citizens of Hayfield Township; is a member of the Seventh Day Baptist Church. He has held various offices in the gift of his township; in politics is a stanch Republican.

BENJAMIN CULP, farmer, P. O. Saegerstown, was born in Northumberland County, Penn., March 18, 1822, son of Henry and Salome (Coler) Culp. His parents died when he was but a small child. At the age of twenty he came to this county, and located in Saegertown. In 1844 he purchased a farm in Cussewago Township, which he cleared and improved, now owned by James Hickernell. In 1852 he settled in Hayfield Township, and has resided on his present farm since 1881. He has been twice married; on first occasion to Eve, daughter of John and Catherine Zimmerman, of Union County, Penn., by whom he had eight children: Henry, Isaac, Israel, Silas J., Anna L., (Mrs. Josiah Hickernell, deceased), Sarah M. (Mrs. John Williams), Mary J. (Mrs Joseph Brink), and B. Frank, born in Hayfield Township, this county, October 23, 1864. His present wife is Mary M., daughter of John and Polly (Hickernell) Flaugh, whose paternal grandfather was Matthias Flaugh, one of the first settlers of Woodcock Township, this county. Her maternal grandfather, Frederick Hickernell, was one of the first settlers of Hayfield Township. By this union there is one child—Charles S. Mr. Culp has held several offices in the gift of his township; in politics he is independent. Both he and his wife are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church. In 1843 our subject was Orderly Sergeant of a militia company of Crawford County, and in 1862 was appointed by Gov. Curtin First Lieutenant of a volunteer company of the Hayfield Guards. In 1850 he assisted in building the plank road between Erie and Meadville, in which enterprise he was one of the principal stock-holders.

JEREMIAH CUTSHALL, farmer, P. O. Saegerstown, was born in Summit Township, this county, August 20, 1826, son of George and Jane (Sterling) Cutshall. George, with his brother Jacob, came from Cumberland County, Penn., to Randolph Township, this county, in 1814, and settled in the northern part of that township, both clearing large farms, which are now owned and occupied by their descendants. They made the journey through the woods with a six-horse team, crossing the streams that were too deep to ford by using their wagon box as a boat, in which to convey their goods, a few at a time.

On the way one of their horses died, and a bull which they drove was placed in harness in its stead, the rest of their journey. George had to go to Meadville to work out his taxes, as there were no roads in his vicinity. He resided in Randolph Township up to 1880, when he removed to Lorain County, Ohio, and died there in 1881, at the age of seventy-six years. He had the following children: Nancy A. (Mrs. John Seaman), in Dakota; Jeremiah; Eliza (Mrs. E. Tinker), in Ohio; Anna M. (Mrs. David Keep), deceased; Mary J. (Mrs. S. Seaman); Sarah E. (Mrs. V. Sterling), in Dakota; George W., Philip, Jacob, Joseph (deceased), Lydia (deceased), and Lysander (deceased). Our subject was married, December 7, 1850, to Mary E., daughter of Marshall and Almina (Brown) Cain, formerly of Stockbridge, Mass., and who settled in Woodcock Township, this county, in 1833. By this union were eleven children: Leroy (deceased), Rosa (Mrs. William Cole), Laroky (Mrs. Samuel Humel), Zenobia (Mrs. Thomas Shoup), Flora P. (Mrs. Bion Faunce), Elma (Mrs. Walter Dunn), Darwin, Bertie, Maud, Grace, and Leon (deceased). Mr. Cutshall was a resident of Randolph Township, this county, up to 1864, when he purchased his farm in Hayfield Township, where he now resides. He has been Supervisor and School Director of his township; in politics is independent. Both he and his wife are members of the Lutheran Church.

HENRY DEROSS, farmer, P. O. Meadville, was born in Hayfield Township, this county, March 11, 1828, son of Alexander and Susan (Cole) DeRoss. His paternal grandfather was Henry DeRoss, a native of France, who came to America with Gen. LaFayette, fought through the war of the Revolution, and afterward settled in what is now Germantown, Penn., where he married Helen German, of the family from whom Germantown bears its name. His maternal grandfather, Conrad Cole, settled in Hayfield Township, this county, in 1802, where he cleared up a farm and lived and died. Alexander DeRoss settled in Hayfield Township, this county, in 1822, on the farm now owned by our subject, which he cleared and improved and where he lived and died. He had nine children: Helen (Mrs. Judson Smith), Henry, George W., Alex. H., Conrad, Sylvester (deceased), Jonathan G. (who served in the late war, in Company H, Pennsylvania Bucktails, and was killed in the last day's fight at Hatcher's Run), Hiram C. and David E. The subject of this sketch was raised in his native township and always resided there. He was married July 2, 1854, to Catherine, daughter of Jacob and Eliza (Mosier) Stire, of Hayfield Township, this county, by whom he has had four children, Susan M. (deceased), Margaret I. (Mrs. James Hanna) Sherman and Catherine. Mr. DeRoss and wife are members of the Lutheran Church. He has held several of the minor offices in his township; in politics is a Republican.

JOHN HARTMAN, farmer, P. O. Meadville, was born in Vernon Township, October 26, 1822, and is a son of John J. and Barbara (Marsh) Hartman, who settled in Vernon Township, this county, about 1810, clearing up a farm there, and afterward removed to Hayfield Township, locating on the farm now owned by David Seavy, which they cleared and improved, and where they lived and died. They were natives of Switzerland, and had the following children: Barbara (Mrs. Joshua Ware), Catherine (Mrs. S. Shoup), Jacob (deceased), John, Henry, Samuel (deceased), Elizabeth (Mrs. Joseph Baker), Abraham, and Mary (Mrs. Roderick Frazier). Our subject came to Hayfield Township with his parents in 1830, and was married September 16, 1845, to Julia A., daughter of Conrad and Mary (Renner) Bachman, early settlers of Woodcock Township, this county. By this union there are eleven children: Mary (Mrs. A. Rice), Sadie, Samuel, Christiana (Mrs. Owen Powell) Emma, William, Tama (Mrs. E. Minnis), Minnie, Jennie, Alvin L. and Edgar (twins).

Mr. Hartman has resided on his farm since 1840, which he has cleared and made all the improvements thereon. He and his wife are members of the Reformed Church. He has held nearly all the offices in the gift of his township; in politics is a Democrat.

ELI HICKERNELL, farmer, P. O. Saegerstown, was born in Hayfield Township, this county, January 3, 1812, and is a son of Frederick and Margaret (Gehr) Hickernell, who settled in Hayfield Township, this county, in 1796, locating in three different places, and finally purchased a tract of the Holland Land Company, now owned by his descendants, which he cleared and improved, and where he lived and died. He was of French descent, a clothier by trade, and fulled and dressed cloth for many years. His wife was connected with the Gehr family, who were among the first settlers of Summit Township, this county. They had twelve children: Mary (deceased), Sally (deceased), Elizabeth (deceased), Delilah (deceased), Margaret (Mrs. Samuel Eaton, of Ohio), Grizzilla (deceased), Lucy A. (Mrs. William Armstrong), Alexander, David, Elí, Lewis, and Frederick (deceased). The subject of this sketch was married January 25, 1835, to Sarah, daughter of Captain John and Catherine (Ondrum) Gehr, of Sadsbury Township, this county, by whom he has had six children: Harriet (Mrs. Oswald Hyroch), Sylvanie (Mrs. Henry Foust), Amanda (Mrs. Fred Hellenbrech), Vilimine (Mrs. Thomas Hickernell), Levi, married to Salena, daughter of Henry Simpson, and James, married to Kate, daughter of J. Cole. Mr. Hickernell resides on a part of the Hickernell homestead; has served as Overseer of the Poor two terms; in politics is a Democrat. Both he and his wife have been members of the Methodist Episcopal Church for many years.

JACOB L. HITES, farmer, P. O. Hayfield, was born in Hayfield Township, this county, April 29, 1831, and is a son of Jacob and Mary (Lewis) Hites. Jacob settled in what is now Hayfield Township, this county, in 1812. He was a son of Jacob Hites, an early settler of Cussewago Township, this county. Mary, his wife, was a daughter of George Lewis, who came to Meadville in 1800, settled in Cussewago Township in 1801, and died there in 1802. Jacob and Mary Hites had nine children: Betsey, Hannah, Harrison (deceased), Lewis, Matilda, Samuel C., Ebenezer, Jacob L., and George (deceased). Our subject was married July 4, 1855, to Mary A., daughter of Charles and Angeline (Martin) McGill, and grand-daughter of Patrick McGill, who settled in Woodcock Township in 1795. By this union there is one child living—Corwin O. He and his brother Arthur were the first settlers in what is now Saegertown. They came to that locality when it was a dense forest and took up 800 acres of land. Mr. Hites has resided on his farm at Little's Corners since 1882. Both he and his wife are members of the Presbyterian Church. In politics he is a Prohibitionist.

SAMUEL HOWER, farmer, P. O. Saegerstown, was born in Union County, Penn., January 28, 1811; son of George and Catherine (Leibe) Hower. George and his wife were natives of Berks County, Penn., and settled in Vernon Township, this county, in 1834, and in 1835 removed to Woodcock Township, this county, where they lived and died. They had twelve children, three of whom are now living: John, in Union County, Samuel and Catherine (Mrs. Jacob Moyer). Our subject settled in Woodcock Township, this county, in the spring of 1835. He afterward purchased a farm in Venango Township, where he lived two years, and then returned to Woodcock Township, where he resided until 1861, when he purchased the farm on which he now resides in Hayfield Township. Here he erected all the buildings. He was married, July 30, 1844, to Catherine, daughter of George and Margaret Bevelhimer, of Woodcock

Township, this county. By this union there were seven children: George (deceased), Elizabeth (Mrs. Thomas Wikoff), Susie (deceased), John, Mary, Catherine (deceased), and Abby. Mr. Hower is one of the substantial farmers of Hayfield Township. He is a member of the Lutheran Church of Saegertown. In politics he is a Republican.

JOSEPH R. INGOLS, farmer, P. O. Norrisville, was born in Swanton, Franklin Co., Vt., November 24, 1809, and is a son of Parker and Mercy (Holmes) Ingols, who were the parents of four children: Joseph R., Rebecca (deceased), Mary (deceased) and Phebe (Mrs. James L. Stray), of Ludington, Mich. The subject of this sketch settled in Hayfield Township, this county, in 1836, and in 1844 purchased the farm where he now resides, most of which he cleared and improved. He was married October 20, 1833, to Mary, daughter of John and Sarah (Foster) Curtis, of Wyoming County, N. Y. By this union there were nine children: Lucy M. (Mrs. Benjamin Hake), Adelia M. (Mrs. John G. Patterson), Parker (deceased), Darius C., Luther, Susan (Mrs. Ralph Rockwell), Nancy (Mrs. G. W. Hickernell), J. Eugene and Mary (Mrs. C. L. Morrison). Mr. Ingols is a member of Spring Corners Christian Church, with which he has been connected for many years. He has held several of the offices in the gift of his township. In politics he has always been a stanch Democrat, and cast his first vote for President for Gen. Andrew Jackson.

JAMES JOHNSON, wagon-maker, P. O. Hayfield, was born in County Armagh, Ireland, April 17, 1831, and is a son of David and Susan (Porter) Johnson, who settled in Meadville, this county, in 1833, and in 1835 located in Hayfield Township, where they lived and died. They had nine children, viz: James, Ann J., Porter, Margaret (Mrs. Andy Sloan), Susanna, Mary (deceased), Thomas, Eliza (Mrs. G. Floyd) and Robert. The subject of this sketch was in the war of the Rebellion, having enlisted in August, 1864, in Company G, Eighty-second Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry. He was in the battle of Cold Harbor and other engagements and at Lee's surrender at Appomattox Court House. He was honorably discharged with the regiment in August, 1865. Mr. Johnson was married April 7, 1875, to Eveline, daughter of John F. and Jane Selby, of Franklin, Penn. Mr. Johnson has followed the business of wagon-making in Hayfield Township since 1854. In politics he is a Republican.

JAMES M. JONES, farmer, P. O. Vallonia, was born in Hayfield Township, this county, on the farm where he now resides, February 7, 1824, son of John and Barbara (Barge) Jones. His paternal grandfather was Abram Jones, a Welshman, who came to this county about 1800. He was a surveyor, and did most of the surveying for the Holland Land Company. He had five children: William, John, Elizabeth, James and Peter, all now deceased. John had thirteen children, of whom nine grew to manhood and womanhood, viz.: Maria (deceased), Jonas (deceased), Eliza (deceased), Keziah (deceased), Caroline (deceased), James M., Cookson, Frederick (deceased) and Abram (deceased). Mr. Jones located on the farm now owned by our subject, which he cleared and improved, and there lived and died. The subject of this sketch has been twice married. His first wife was Sarah A., daughter of John and Hopestil (Jones) Morris, of Hayfield Township, this county. Five children were born to this union: Eliza (Mrs. Alex Forman), John, Frank, Maria J. (Mrs. Robert Lucas) and Elizabeth (Mrs. Morgan Jones). His present wife was Julia, daughter of George and Mary (Brookhouser) Rhodes, of Hayfield Township, this county. By this union there are three children: Albert, Keziah and Clara. Mr. Jones owns and resides on the old homestead, where his father first settled in 1814. He is the proprietor of a saw-mill, which has been in existence

on his farm since his father first settled, and which was built by him. He is now the only representative of his father's family in Crawford County. In politics he is independent.

ROBERT KELLEY, farmer, P. O. Hayfield, was born June 4, 1847, son of Stillman and Eliza (Stewart) Kelley, who settled in Hayfield Township, this county, in 1849, locating on the farm now owned and occupied by our subject, and most of which they cleared and improved. They had seven children, viz.: Harriet (Mrs. L. Cotton), Robert, Maria (Mrs. Thomas Davis), Ada (Mrs. Fred. Riddle), Walter, Ann (Mrs. Curtis Stein) and Frank. The subject of this sketch was married, March 26, 1873, to Hattie, daughter of Washington and Anna Howard, of Mead Township, this county. By this union there are five children: Robert, Bertie, Anna, Harry and Clara. Mr. Kelley was in the late war of the Rebellion, having enlisted, April, 1863, in Company I, Second Pennsylvania Cavalry; was in the seven days fight before Richmond, the campaign of the Wilderness, and many other engagements; was taken prisoner before Petersburg and sent to Libby prison, and from there to Andersonville; was a prisoner nine months, and was paroled toward the close of the war, and was honorably discharged from the service at Annapolis, Md., in 1865. He resides on the old homestead where his father settled in 1849. In politics he is a Republican.

ROBERT T. KERN, farmer, P. O. Saegerstown, was born in Lehigh County, Penn., August 14, 1842, and is a son of Daniel and Lydia (App) Kern, who settled in Saegertown in 1850, and embarked in the hotel business, which has been kept in the Kern name up to the present time. The subject of this sketch was in the war of the Rebellion, enlisting, December 26, 1861, in Company I, One Hundred and Eleventh Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry; served two years and re-enlisted as veteran for three years longer or during the war, in same company and regiment. He was in the battles of Cedar Mountain, Antietam, Gettysburg, Wahatchie, Lookout Mountain, Resaca, Dallas, and numerous skirmishes; was taken prisoner at Peach Tree Creek, near Atlanta, and was confined in Andersonville and other prisons for eight months. At the close of the war he received an honorable discharge from the Government. He was married in December, 1868, to Margaret, daughter of William and Lucy A. (Hickernell) Armstrong, of Hayfield Township, by whom he has five children: Agnes L., Sarah H., Julia F., Josiah A. and Alice D. Mr. Kern has resided in Hayfield Township twelve years, and since 1874 on his present farm, a part of which he has cleared and improved. Both he and his wife are members of the German Reformed Church. In politics he is a Democrat.

JAMES A. KILDAY, farmer, P. O. Meadville, was born in Hayfield Township, this county, December 6, 1834, son of Daniel and Sarah (Zarley) Kilday. His paternal grandparents were Daniel, Sr., and Martha (Eury) Kilday, early settlers of Hayfield Township, this county. Daniel, Sr., was a native of Ireland, and settled on the farm now owned by our subject, though the land had been previously taken up by his wife, who came from eastern Pennsylvania. She was a school teacher, and taught both English and German. Sarah, the wife of Daniel, Jr., was a daughter of Jacob and Mary (Evans) Zarley, early settlers of Hayfield Township, this county. Daniel, Sr., had three children: Thomas, Robert and Daniel, Jr., all now dead. The children of Daniel, Jr., were James A., Mary, Martha, Eliza (Mrs. Freeman Ford), Jane (Mrs. Thomas Ralph), and Lavina (Mrs. Ebenezer Clark). Our subject has been twice married. His first wife was Sarah A., daughter of Joseph and Eliza (Mason) Dickson, to whom he was married in March, 1858. By this

union there were three children: Eliza, Wanda (Mrs. Howard Dowdell) and James A. Our subject's present wife is Viola, daughter of Martin and Elizabeth (Jones) Johnson, of Meadville, to whom he was married on March 29, 1874. The issue of this union is three children: Maud M., Oscar and Laura. Mr. Kilday served in the late war of the Rebellion. He enlisted in Company H, One Hundred and Sixty-ninth Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, October, 1862; served nine months, when he was honorably discharged. He has filled various offices in his township. In politics is a Republican.

HENRY LANKTON, farmer, P. O. Hayfield, was born in Cattaraugus County, N. Y., May 12, 1832; son of Amasa and Lydia (Little) Lankton. Amasa was a native of Hartford, Conn., and settled in Hayfield Township, this county, in 1842; afterward moved to Illinois and died there. Lydia, his wife, was a daughter of Henry Little, an early settler of Hayfield Township, this county, and after whom Little's Corners derives its name. He was a soldier of the Revolution. The children of Amasa and Lydia Lankton were three in number: Lucy (Mrs. Farnsworth), Arba, died at Vicksburg during the war, and Henry. Our subject was married March 29, 1854, to Mary, daughter of Abram and Rebecca (Huber) LeFever, of Hayfield Township, this county, and by whom he has three children: Anna (Mrs. Philo Morse), Tinnie (Mrs. Andrew DeArment) and Cora. Mr. Lankton has lived on his present farm since 1871. Both he and his wife are members of the Baptist Church. He has served four years as School Director of his township; in politics is a Republican.

JAMES E. LEWIS, retired farmer, P. O. Saegerstown, was born in Fayette County, Penn., July 5, 1796; son of George and Betsey (West) Lewis, who came to Meadville, this county, in 1800, and in 1801 settled in Cussewago Township, where George died in 1802, leaving a family of nine children, viz.: John, George, Nancy, Betsey, Nathaniel, Abel, James E., Patty and Polly, all now deceased but James E. Our subject, at the age of eighteen, settled in Hayfield Township, this county, and for three years rented a farm of David Mason, and then purchased twenty-five acres of land, year by year adding to it until he accumulated 209 acres, most of which he cleared and improved and a part of which he now resides on. He has done a great deal of hard work, in fact, few people of the present time realize he could have accomplished so much. He was married in February, 1817, to Rachel, daughter of Jacob and Mary (Evans) Zarley, who were early settlers of Hayfield Township. By this union there were five children, three now living: Jacob Z., Mary (Mrs. John Crawford), and Lavina (Mrs. Walter Sloan). Mr. Lewis has resided on his farm since 1814. He never attended school a day in his life, but possessing brains and a business tact has been a successful farmer. At the advanced age of eighty-eight years he is still hale and hearty, though a great sufferer from rheumatism, the result of hardship and trials of pioneer life. He has been a member of the Seventh Day Baptist Church for many years. In politics he was formerly a Whig, but joined the Republican party at its organization and has been a stanch adherent of it ever since.

HENRY P. LILLY, farmer, P. O. Mosiertown, was born in Saegertown, this county, February 7, 1840, and is a son of Samuel and Esther (Beize) Lilly. Samuel, in his youth, learned the trades of blacksmith, shoe-maker and carpenter, though during most of his life he followed farming. He came from Northumberland County, Penn., and settled in Saegertown in 1835, and there married; then afterward lived in Venango Township, this county, several years, on what is known as the Tarr farm. In 1871 he located in Cussewago Township, this county, and where he died in March, 1880, in his sixty-third

year, where his widow now resides. His children were Kate (Mrs. George Heist), Henry P., Mary (Mrs. Charles Bush), James, Andrew, Alice (Mrs. Edward Kern), John, Sarah (Mrs. John Dieterman), Julia (Mrs. S. Snyder) and Frank. Our subject was married September 10, 1868, to Mary A., daughter of William Schultz, of Hayfield Township, this county, and by this union there are five children: Samuel G., William E., Charles E., Nancy D. and Ettie B. Mr. Lilly has resided permanently on his present farm since 1873. He is one of the representative farmers in the northern part of the township. In politics he is a Republican.

WILLIAM H. McGILL (deceased) was born in Venango County, Penn., January 21, 1844, and was a son of William H. and Elizabeth (Weikal) McGill. His paternal grandfather was Patrick McGill, a native of Ireland, who settled in Woodcock Township, this county, in 1795. Our subject was reared in Hayfield Township and was educated in the common schools. He was in the late war of the Rebellion, having enlisted August 15, 1861, in Company B, Eighty-third Regiment Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry; he re-enlisted February 15, 1864; was promoted Second Lieutenant Company E, new organization, December 28, 1864, commissioned First Lieutenant February 17, 1865, and was honorably discharged with the regiment March 17, 1865; he was in all the important engagements participated in by the regiment: the siege of Yorktown, Hanover Court House, Malvern Hill, Bull Run, Antietam, Fredericksburg, Gettysburg, etc. Mr. McGill was married December 27, 1866, to Eveline, daughter of David and Lucy (Lawton) Wheeler, of New York, by whom he has five children: Elizabeth, Alonzo, Joseph, Maud and Belle. He settled on the farm now occupied by his widow in 1881, though he had owned the property since 1874. Our subject was a man of executive ability, sterling qualities, and was a worthy citizen. He was a member of the K. of R. and the I. O. O. F.; in politics he was a stanch Republican. He died March 21, 1882, in his thirty-ninth year.

JAMES McMILLEN, farmer, P. O. Hayfield, was born in Hayfield Township, this county, May 15, 1814, son of James and Mary (Thompson) McMillen, who settled in Hayfield Township in 1794. They came from the north of Ireland, and settled on the farm now occupied by their son John in the northern part of the township, which they cleared and improved. Both were members of the Presbyterian Church and lived and died on the home farm. They had six children: Thomas (deceased), James, Jane (deceased), Robert and John (twins), and David (deceased). The subject of this sketch was married November 10, 1839, to Martha, daughter of Eli Williams, formerly of New York, and who settled in Summerhill Township, this county, in 1831. By this union there are eight children: Adelia (Mrs. Harvey Rockwell), Clara (Mrs. Frank Weller), Minnie (Mrs. Thomas Cooper), Delilah M. (Mrs. Reuben Deeter), Emma (Mrs. Hiram McCray), Sarah, Alice (Mrs. Joseph Barns) and J. Wallace (married to Livona Foust). Mr. McMillen has resided since 1839 on his farm, all of which he has cleared and improved. Both he and his wife have been members of the Methodist Episcopal Church since 1838. In politics he was formerly a Democrat, but joined the Republican party at its organization, and has been a stanch supporter of it ever since.

JOHN McMILLEN, farmer, P. O. Rundell's, was born in Hayfield Township, this county, on the farm where he now resides, February 14, 1818, and is a son of James and Mary (Thompson) McMillen. James was a native of Ireland, of Scotch parents, and came to America when sixteen years of age with a brother, Robert. He settled in what is now Hayfield Township, this county, in 1799, locating on the farm where our subject resides, which he

cleared and improved, and where he lived and died. His wife was a daughter of James Thompson, a native of Ireland, and settled in Beaver Township, this county, in 1802; afterward removed to Spring Township, and there died. The subject of this sketch was married July 4, 1839, to Jane, daughter of William and Caroline (Rundel) Bradley, of Hayfield Township, this county, and by this union there are seven children, now living: William, Caroline (Mrs. Abner McDowell), Jane (Mrs. John Sloan), Ada, James, Mary and Martha. Mr. McMillen has always lived in Hayfield Township on the farm where he was born and raised. In politics he has always been a stanch Democrat.

JOHN H. MOORE, Meadville, was born in County Leitrim, Ireland, November 12, 1816, son of Edward and Mary A. (Irwin) Moore, who came to America in 1819. In 1824 they located in Youngstown, Ohio, and lived and died there. Edward was a brick-layer and stone-mason by trade. The subject of this sketch was raised in Youngstown and educated in the common schools, and afterward took a course of instruction at the Allegheny College of Meadville, Penn., which he left three weeks before he would have graduated. In 1839 he went to Clarion County, Penn., and embarked in the iron business with Rev. Ralph Clapp. Here he remained eighteen years, and then returned to Youngstown, where he engaged in farming; lived there until 1864, then removed to Hayfield Township and settled on the farm where he has since resided. He was married April 25, 1838, to Laura, daughter of Jonathan Weller, an early settler of Mead Township. By this union there were six children: Edward L., of Cleveland, Ohio; Clinton F., of Venango County, Penn.; Mary A. (Mrs. Levi Birch), of Vernon Township, this county; Homer C., Emily S. and Martha W. Mr. Moore is one of the representative farmers of Hayfield Township; a stanch Republican. He is a member of the United Brethren Church, his wife of the Presbyterian.

WILLIAM V. MORSE, farmer, P. O. Hayfield, was born in Burlington, N. Y., August 7, 1816, son of William C. and Triphena (Bradley) Morse. His paternal grandfather was Timothy Morse, a native of Massachusetts, of English descent, who settled in Otsego County, N. Y., before the Revolution. He was a soldier under Gen. Washington, serving three years. Two years of the time he was one of Washington's body guard. His maternal grandfather was Azariah Bradley, a native of New England, and an early settler of Otsego County, N. Y., where he lived and died. William C. Morse had six children, viz.: William V.; Sally M. (Mrs. Nelson Cornwell), in Lawrence, Mich.; Erastus W., in Brushville, Wis.; Arminda, deceased; Milo, deceased; and Triphena (Mrs. Lorenza McKee), in Dakota. William C. lived in Hayfield Township for a time with our subject, and while on a journey was killed by the cars at Cambridge, Penn. The subject of this sketch came to this county in 1837, and settled in Summerhill Township, where he lived five years; then went to Woodcock Township, where he remained one year, working at the trade of carding and cloth dressing. In 1844 he located at Little's Corners, working at his trade until 1853, in which year he settled on the farm where he now resides, and continued at his trade there for three years; then selling his machinery, in 1858, he built a saw-mill, and has since manufactured a great quantity of lumber and shingles. Mr. Morse has been twice married. His first wife was Margaret, daughter of William and Margaret (Brown) Matthews, to whom he was married May 17, 1838. By this union there were nine children: Margaret T. (Mrs. John McKelvey), Mary (Mrs. H. Coon), John, Sarah (Mrs. Sylvester McMillen), Martha (Mrs. David Jenkins), William, Harriet (Mrs. Amos McMillen), James and George. His present wife is Caroline, daughter of William McKelvey, of Hayfield Township, this county, to

whom he was married June 16, 1854, and by whom he has one child—Emma M. Mr. Morse has a fine farm of ninety-five acres, on which he resides, all of which he has cleared and improved. He is one of the enterprising, pushing farmers of the township, and a worthy citizen. In politics he is independent.

LEVI PETERS, farmer, P. O. Saegerstown, was born in what is now Hayfield Township, this county, January 16, 1821; son of Jacob, Jr., and May (Siverling) Peters. His paternal grandfather was Jacob Peters, Sr., who settled in Venango Township, this county, in 1804; afterward located in Hayfield Township, where he died. His maternal grandfather was Christopher Siverling, who settled in Venango Township in 1796. Jacob, Jr., had ten children: Samuel, in Erie County; George (deceased); Lydia (deceased); Saloma (Mrs. Peter Smith); Levi; John; David, in Oregon; Caroline (Mrs. George Kleckner); Jacob, and Edward (deceased). Our subject was married January 16, 1842, to Eliza, daughter of John and Sarah (Graft) Liephart, of Hayfield Township, this county. Mr. Peters has seven children, seventeen grandchildren and one great-grandchild, and there has never been a death among his descendants up to May, 1884. His children are Lydia A. (Mrs. Stephen Woodring), Sarah A. (Mrs. John Flick), Francis, Charles H., Augusta (Mrs. Jacob Fleischer), Tamzen (Mrs. Morgan Muckenhoupt), and Preston. Mr. Peters has been Supervisor and School Director of his township; in politics is a Democrat.

ROBERT QUAY, farmer, P. O. Saegerstown, was born in Venango Township, this county, September 14, 1813; son of Samuel and Mary (Carpenter) Quay, who came from Susquehanna, Penn., and settled in Venango Township, this county, in the year 1797, locating on the farm now owned by the John Quay heirs, which they cleared and improved, and where they lived and died. They had eight children; two died in infancy, the others lived up to manhood and womanhood, viz.: Archibald (deceased), Sarah (deceased), John (deceased), Elizabeth (deceased), Samuel and Robert. Samuel, Sr., lived to be eighty-three years old, and his wife was sixty-eight when she died. Robert Quay, our subject, was raised in Venango Township, this county. He remained with his parents until he was twenty-two years old. He then engaged in lumbering in Warren County, Penn., for several years, and in 1840 he settled in Hayfield Township, this county, on the farm where he now resides; has mostly cleared up the farm and put good substantial buildings thereon. He was married, December 24, 1843, to Elizabeth McGill; by this union there were six children: Samuel C. (deceased), James B. (deceased), Sarah A. (Mrs. Philip Spitler), Mary E. (Mrs. John Hower), Henry M., and John. After he was married he repaired an old stillhouse which stood on the land when he bought it, he moved into it and commenced clearing the timber from his land for tilling purposes. He raised several acres of potatoes each year for many years. He utilized his timber and built flat-boats and boated the potatoes to Pittsburgh, that being his only market.

THOMAS C. REYNOLDS, farmer, P. O. Hayfield, was born in Hayfield Township, this county, April 3, 1830, and is a son of Thomas and Margaret (Dunn) Reynolds. Thomas was a native of Philadelphia; came to Crawford County, Penn., in 1801, and lived in Meadville eleven years, working during that time in the distillery for Judge Mead in the winters, and on his farm in summers. About 1815 he settled in Hayfield Township on the farm now owned by our subject, which he cleared and improved. Margaret, his wife, was a native of New Jersey, a daughter of Philip Dunn, who settled in Hayfield Township, this county, in 1803. Thomas Reynolds had twelve children, of whom seven are now living, viz.: George, Jane, Priscilla (Mrs. John Hunt), Thomas C., Philip D., Ruth,

and Sally A. (Mrs. John Collom). Our subject was in the late war of the Rebellion, having enlisted October, 1862, in Company H, One Hundred and Sixty-ninth Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry. He served one year, when he was honorably discharged on account of disability. He resides on part of the old homestead farm. In politics he is a Republican.

FRANCIS SEAVY, farmer, P. O. Saegerstown, was born in Brownington, Vt., March 7, 1812; son of Ebenezer and Hannah (Eaton) Seavy, who settled in Mead Township, this county, in 1818, and in 1821 removed to what is now Hayfield Township, locating on the farm now known as the McQuiston farm, where they resided until 1831, and then moved to the farm now owned by Ebenezer Seavy, Jr., heirs, where they lived and died. Our subject has been a resident of Hayfield Township since nine years of age. He was married January 28, 1833, to Lydia, daughter of George and Elizabeth (Mason) Lewis. Her paternal grandfather was George Lewis, and maternal grandfather, David Mason, both among the first settlers of Hayfield Township. The issue of this union was seven children: Hannah (Mrs. E. Schlosser), Elizabeth, Joanna (Mrs. David Hopkins), Sarah (Mrs. William H. Seavy), James (deceased), and two infants (deceased). Mr. Seavy has always followed farming as an occupation. He was elected to the office of Justice of the Peace of Hayfield Township, but declined to serve, and has held various township offices. Both he and his wife are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church. In politics he is a Republican.

SAMUEL SEAVY, farmer, P. O. Saegerstown, was born in Vermont, September 21, 1816, son of Ebenezer and Hannah (Eaton) Seavy, who settled in Mead Township, this county, in 1818; removed to Hayfield Township in 1821, where they died. Ebenezer had twelve children: Mary (deceased), Francis, Charles (deceased), Samuel, Harriet (deceased), John (deceased), William (in Wisconsin), Ebenezer (deceased), Rebecca (deceased), Elizabeth (Mrs. J. Pike, in Richmond Township, this county), David, James (deceased). The subject of this sketch was married December 3, 1840, to Harriet, daughter of James and Hannah (Pratt) Freeman, early settlers of Mead Township, this county. By this union there were three children: James, William E., and Hannah L. (deceased). Mr. Seavy has resided in Hayfield Township since his father's settlement, with the exception of eighteen years that he spent in Wisconsin. Both he and his wife are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church. He has held the office of School Director; in politics is a Republican.

WILLIAM E. SEAVY, farmer, P. O. Saegerstown, was born in Hayfield Township, this county, October 16, 1843, son of Samuel and Harriet (Freeman) Seavy. His paternal grandfather was Ebenezer Seavy, a native of Vermont, who settled in Mead Township, this county, in 1818, and in 1821 removed to Hayfield Township. For many years he operated a saw-mill on French Creek, near Saegertown, afterward removed to the farm now owned by the Ebenezer Seavy, Jr., heirs, and there lived and died. Our subject's maternal grandfather, James Freeman, was among the first settlers of Hayfield Township; he settled on the farm now owned by Philetus Payne, which he cleared and improved, and though in those days land was cheap, he was twenty-one years in paying for it. Our subject, in 1844, went with his parents to Wisconsin, where he resided eighteen years. He served in the late war of the Rebellion, enlisting in July, 1861, in Company E, Seventh Wisconsin Volunteer Infantry, and was in the battles of Gainesville, second battle Bull Run, South Mountain, Antietam, Fredericksburg, Gettysburg, Chancellorsville and many other engagements, including Cold Harbor, before Petersburg and the taking of the Weldon Railroad. In November, 1863, he was sent home as a Recruiting

Officer, and rejoined his regiment at Cold Harbor in June, 1864; he was honorably discharged September 1, 1864. He located in Hayfield Township in 1864, and was married July 23, 1865, to Jane B., daughter of William and Maria (Rideout) Southwick, of Richmond Township. By this union there were three children: Elpha L., an infant (deceased) and Silas F. Mr. Seavy returned to Wisconsin in 1867, where he lived until 1870, when he returned to Hayfield Township, where, with the exception of two and a half years, during which he was in Shamburg, Penn., engaged in butchering and the oil business, he has since resided. Both he and his wife are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church. In politics he is a stanch Republican.

JOHN F. SEAVY, farmer, P. O. Saegerstown, was born in Columbia County, Wis., September 5, 1856, and is a son of Ebenezer, Jr., and Mary A. (Warden) Seavy, and grandson of Ebenezer Seavy, Sr., who settled in Mead Township, this county, in 1818, and afterward moved to Hayfield Township, where he lived and died. Ebenezer, Jr., had four children: John F., Edgar E., Theodore G. and LeRoy E. Ebenezer, Jr., was a resident of Wisconsin for several years, returning to Hayfield Township in 1860, and settled on the old homestead of his father, where he died in 1868, at the age of forty-two. Mary, his wife, was a daughter of James Warden, formerly of New York, and an early settler of Cussewago Township. Our subject was married December 23, 1875, to Maggie C., daughter of George and Mary (Moyer) Moyer, of Saegertown, by whom he has one child—Alice D. Mr. Seavy resides on the old homestead of his father and grandfather. He is a member of the Methodist Church; his wife of the Lutheran. In politics he is a Republican.

EDWARD S. SKEEL, lumberman and Justice of the Peace, Hayfield, was born in Hayfield Township, this county, October 11, 1837; son of Eliab and Sally A. (Wheeler) Skeel. Eliab was a native of Greene County, N. Y., and settled in Hayfield Township, this county, in 1829. He was a carpenter and millwright by trade, and put up a great many buildings in this county during his day. He was twice married; his first wife was Ruth Yale, of New York, by whom he had five children: Harriet (Mrs. Hastings Harronn, deceased); Abigail (Mrs. David Harronn), of Colorado; William, Gilbert and Ruth (Mrs. H. S. Amidon). His second wife was Sally A. Wheeler, a native of Steuben County, N. Y., daughter of Jenks and Amanda Wheeler, who were among the first settlers of Hayfield Township. By this union there were born: Nathan, Martha (deceased), Huldah (Mrs. William Krider), E. S., Stephen M., Amanda (Mrs. George Menely), Eliza (Mrs. A. L. Baker), Lewis W. (Lewis was killed December 13, 1862, at the battle of Fredericksburg, Va.), Linus W. and Wheeler. The subject of this sketch has always resided in Hayfield Township. He was in the late war, having enlisted in August, 1861, in the Second Pennsylvania Cavalry; was in the second battle of Bull Run and other minor engagements, and at the defense of Washington during the battle of Antietam; he was honorably discharged on account of disability November 3, 1862. He again enlisted and became First Lieutenant of Company D, Fifty-sixth Pennsylvania Militia, from June 29, 1863, to August 13, 1863. He was married March 4, 1860, to Louisa, daughter of John F. and Jane (Rogers) Selby, of Tuscarawas County, Ohio, by whom he has five children now living: J. Barnard, Loa (Mrs. Frank Wasson), William, Edward S. and Frank. Mr. Skeel is a member of the I. O. O. F., the State Police, and G. A. R. He has held the office of Constable six years, and is now serving his second term as Justice of the Peace; in politics is a stanch Republican.

JACOB SMITH, farmer, P. O. Saegerstown, was born in Bavaria, Germany, March 15, 1819; son of Peter and Elizabeth (Speise) Smith, who settled

in Woodcock Township, this county, in 1832, and in 1833 removed to Hayfield, where they lived and died. They located on the farm adjoining that of our subject, a part of which they improved. They had four children: Elizabeth (Mrs. Henry Peiffer), Peter (deceased), Simon and Jacob. The subject of this sketch was married March 29, 1846, to Sarah C., daughter of Philip and Leah (Gehr) Straw, and grand-daughter of Jacob Straw, who settled in Hayfield Township, this county, in 1796. The issue of this union is six children: Abigail, Emma, Henry, Wallace, Alice and Maggie. Mr. Smith has been a resident of Hayfield Township since his father's settlement in 1833; he has always followed farming as an occupation, and is a representative, enterprising citizen. He and his wife are members of the Lutheran Church of Saegertown. In politics he is a Democrat.

JAMES SMITH, farmer, P. O. Rundell's, was born in Hayfield Township, this county, April 7, 1821; son of Nelson and Polly (West) Smith, who came from Greene County, N. Y., and settled in what is now Hayfield Township, this county, in 1816; both were natives of New York. Nelson was a son of Elijah Smith, and settled on the farm now owned by our subject in 1816, which, with the assistance of his sons, he cleared and improved. He was a minister of the Methodist Episcopal denomination, a homeopathic physician, a blacksmith and shoe-maker. In an early day he did all the blacksmithing and shoe-making in his vicinity. He was a man adapted to all kinds of work and when anything was needed to be done for himself or neighbors he generally found a way to accomplish it. He died in 1868 at the age of seventy-seven and his widow in 1871 aged seventy-nine. They had eleven children: Emeline (wife of Rev. I. O. Fisher), John E., Nelson, Jesse, Ephraim, James, Betsey (Mrs. J. B. McDowell), Ensign H. (deceased), George W. S., Mary A. (deceased) and Irus H. (deceased). The subject of this sketch has been thrice married. His first wife was Adeline J., daughter of John McDowell, of Dicksonburg, to whom he was married February 1, 1849, and by whom he had three children: Emelissa (deceased), M. Adell (Mrs. Edward Rogers), and Homer J. (deceased). His second wife was Sarah, daughter of Robert McCoy, of Spring Township, this county, to whom he was married June 9, 1864, and by this union there was one child—Sarah (deceased). His present wife is Lydia D., daughter of William Rundel, of Spring Township, this county, to whom he was married February 8, 1870. Mr. Smith resides on the old homestead, where he was born and raised. He is one of the representative farmers of this county, everything about his farm indicating thrift and enterprise. Both he and his wife are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church. In politics he is a Republican.

FERNANDO C. SMITH, farmer, P. O. Norrisville, was born in Chester, Mass., November 27, 1829, and is a son of Nelson and Sophia (Carrington) Smith, who settled in Hayfield Township, this county, in 1834, locating on the farm now owned by William Morehouse, which they cleared and improved. Nelson was a native of Massachusetts and a son of Joab Smith. His wife was a native of Connecticut and a daughter of Charles Carrington. His grandfather on his father's side was William Lonon, who was drafted into the British Army during the Revolution. He refused to serve, deserted and joined the American Army and fought through the war, then settled near Boston. Nelson Smith had nine children, seven of whom are now living: Lorenzo P., Fernando C., D'Lett (Mrs. Jefferson Line), Oscar B., D'Mira Z. (Mrs. Abram Reymore), Mardilla (Mrs. A. C. Swift), William L. Our subject, who has always resided in Hayfield Township, was married April 15, 1857, to Jane E., daughter of Daniel Carter, of Summerhill Township, this county, by whom he

has five children: Philander A., Elmore E., Verner, Floyd and Dennis. Mr. Smith has resided since his marriage on his present farm, most of which he cleared and improved. He has held various township offices; in politics is a Republican.

STEPHEN SNYDER, farmer, P. O. Saegerstown, was born in Lehigh County, Penn., December 27, 1822, and is a son of Solomon and Susanna (Schlosser) Snyder, who settled in the northern part of what is now Hayfield Township, this county, in 1829, where they cleared up a farm. Both lived and died in Hayfield Township. They had seven children: Solomon, Stephen, Susan (Mrs. William Reichel), Griffith (deceased), Amos, William and Edward. Our subject was married April 27, 1848, to Elizabeth, daughter of Andrew and Catherine (Shoe) Hinkle, of Cussewago Township, this county, and by this union is one child—Israel. Mr. Snyder has lived on his present farm since 1847, all of which he has cleared and improved. He and his wife are attendants of the Methodist Episcopal Church. In politics he is a Republican.

ISRAEL SNYDER, farmer, P. O. Saegerstown, was born in Hayfield Township, this county, March 21, 1849, and is a son of Stephen and Elizabeth (Hinkle) Snyder. His paternal grandfather, Solomon Snyder, settled in Hayfield Township in 1829, and his maternal grandfather, Andrew Hinkle, was an early settler of Cussewago Township. The subject of this sketch was the only child of his parents. He was married May 19, 1870, to Esther D., daughter of Frederick and Elizabeth (Henry) Hickernell, early settlers of Hayfield Township, this county, and by this union there were three children: Clarence (deceased), Jay W. and S. Dow. Mr. Snyder is an attendant of the Methodist Episcopal Church, of which his wife is a member. In politics he is a Republican.

WILLIAM L. STOCKTON, farmer and Justice of the Peace, P. O. Saegerstown, was born in Mead Township, this county, December 25, 1843; son of John M. and Eliza (Logan) Stockton. His paternal grandfather was Robert Stockton, formerly of Washington County, and one of the first settlers of Vernon Township, this county, where he lived and died. He served in the war of 1812 and was the Colonel of his regiment. His children were: Robert, Thomas (deceased), Maria, Joseph, John M. (deceased), Martha (deceased), Sarah, David B. and James. Our subject's father, John M., was born in Vernon Township, this county, and was a resident of Mead Township twenty years. In 1855 he removed to Hayfield Township, where he died at the age of sixty-seven years. His wife was a daughter of Moses Logan, an early settler of Greenwood Township, this county, and a prominent citizen. John M. had ten children: Robert (deceased), Harvey H. (a Baptist clergyman, deceased), Moses (deceased), Clarinda (deceased), William L., Letitia (Mrs. J. Tenney), Cyrus J., James L., Eveline (Mrs. J. Smith), and Charlotte (deceased). Our subject was married May 7, 1862, to S. Jennie, daughter of Solomon and Mary A. Himebaugh, of Hayfield Township. The issue of this union was one child —Marie Elda. Mr. Stockton has been a resident of Hayfield Township since 1855, and lived on his present farm since 1863. He is one of the representative farmers of Crawford County; has held various township offices; and is now serving a second term as Justice of the Peace; in politics he is a Republican and a stanch advocate of temperance principles. He and his family are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church of Saegertown, in which he is holding the office of Steward.

AMASA J. STRAW, farmer, etc., P. O. Saegerstown, was born in Hayfield Township, this county, on the farm where he now resides, November 4, 1835; son of Michael and Rhoda (Brookhouser) Straw. Michael was born on the

farm now owned by our subject, and was a son of Jacob Straw who settled on the same farm in 1796, which he cleared and improved. Jacob had five children: John, Michael, Philip, Betsy and Mary, all now deceased. Michael had eight children: Mary E. (Mrs. Chris. Siverling, deceased), Azariah, Hazro, Amasa, Delilah (Mrs. George Mason), Ellen, Sarah (deceased), and Simon (deceased). Rhoda, the wife of Michael, was a daughter of Jacob Brookhouser, one of the first settlers of Hayfield Township. Our subject was married December 14, 1869, to Louisa, daughter of Henry and Elizabeth (Smith) Peiffer, and grand-daughter of John Peiffer, an early settler of Bloomfield Township and later of Woodcock Township, this county. By this union there are two children: Simon and Elizabeth. Mr. Straw has always resided on the old homestead. He and his wife are members of the Lutheran Church, Saegertown. He is a member of the I. O. O. F. In politics he is a Democrat.

DAVID A. TORRY, farmer, P. O. Venango, was born in Venango Township, this county, September 1, 1833; son of Archibald and Margaret (Adams) Torry. His paternal grandparents were James and Margaret (Alexander) Torry, natives of Ireland, who were married in Virginia, and came from there to this county in 1802, locating in what is now Venango Township, on the farm now owned by George Cole, which, with the assistance of his sons, he cleared and improved. Margaret, the wife of Archibald, was a daughter of David and Barbara (Wilson) Adams, who were among the early settlers of what is now Cambridge Township, this county. James and Margaret Torry had ten children: Hamilton, Archibald, Martha, Mary, David, James, John, Susan, William and Jane. Archibald Torry had ten children: David A., James M., William M. (deceased), John E., Archibald A., Martha J. (Mrs. C. Byham), Rebecca L. (Mrs. Robert Quay), Elijah, Mary (Mrs. Mark Shields), and Margaret L. Mr. and Mrs. A. Torry are still living, and occupy a part of the farm where his parents first settled. The subject of this sketch was a resident of Venango Township up to 1866; from that time until 1868 he lived in Woodcock Township, and then located in Hayfield Township, where he now resides. He was married January 9, 1866, to Rebecca, daughter of Henry and Elizabeth (Smith) Peiffer, of Hayfield Township, this county. Both he and his wife are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church. He is a F. & A. M., a member of the I. O. O. F. and A. O. U. W. In politics he is a Democrat.

HARRISON WASSON, farmer, P. O. Coon's Corners, was born in Fairfield Township, this county, December 25, 1821; son of William and Elizabeth (Marshall) Wasson. His paternal grandfather was Daniel Wasson, a native of Ireland, who came to America in 1774, joined Gen. Washington's army and fought through the war of the Revolution. He was one of the first settlers of Scrubgrass Township, Venango Co., Penn. The children of William were ten in number: Harrison, Nathaniel M., Daniel, William, James, John (deceased), Joseph (deceased), Mary E., Elizabeth and Sarah J. Mr. Wasson was a veteran of the war of 1812, and enlisted in the late war of the Rebellion, when seventy years of age. He died in the hospital at St. Louis, Mo., of small-pox, in 1863. The subject of this sketch was married February 26, 1846, to Sarah J., daughter of John and Jane (Gibb) Watt, of Butler County, Penn. The issue of this union was ten children: John (deceased), Elizabeth (Mrs. R. E. Morris), Mary J. (Mrs. Lewis Armstrong), Adeline (Mrs. C. F. Moore), L. Franklin, William O., Sarah C. (deceased), Maggie, Howard and Clinton. Mrs. Wasson's father was John Watt, a native of Scotland, and an early settler of Butler County. Mr. Wasson located in Hayfield Township, this county, in 1865, where he has since resided. He is one of the

representative farmers of his township, and has held various township offices. In politics he is a Republican. Both he and his wife are members of the Presbyterian Church.

CONRAD WATSON, farmer, P. O. Norrisville, was born in Hayfield Township, this county, July 26, 1821; son of William and Magdalena (Cole) Watson. William was a native of County Derry, Ireland, a son of George Watson, and settled in Hayfield Township in 1818. His wife was a daughter of Conrad Cole, who was said to be the first man to come over the Alleghenies with a team and wagon, and who settled in Hayfield Township in 1802. He was a native of Lehigh County, Penn., a son of George Cole, whose parents came from Prussia. William Watson had eight children: Conrad, George W., Caroline (Mrs. David Mosier), Eliza A. (Mrs. Phil Shaffer), Matilda (deceased), William, Mary (Mrs. Ben Cole), and Robert. The subject of this sketch was married April 6, 1848, to Mary E., daughter of John and Sarah (Carroll) Sims, formerly of Maryland, and early settlers of Hayfield Township. To this union were born ten children: George A., William A., Sarah E. (Mrs. Milton Standford), Frank C., Minerva E. (Mrs. George Jenkins), Clara D. (Mrs. William Ludwig), Mary E., Alma R. (deceased), Wanda A., Ward T. Mr. Watson has cleared several farms in Hayfield Township, and has lived on his present one since 1850. He began without a dollar, and is now one of the substantial farmers of the township. He has held various township offices. In politics he is a stanch Republican.

GEORGE W. WATSON, farmer, P. O. Hayfield, was born in Hayfield Township, this county, June 2, 1824, son of William and Magdalena (Cole) Watson. William was a native of Killymallaugh, County Derry, Ireland, and settled in Hayfield Township in 1818. He was a son of George Watson. The maternal grandfather of our subject was Conrad Cole, who settled in Hayfield Township in 1802. William Watson was a linen weaver by trade, and came to America with the determination to better his condition, and in 1825 he settled on the farm now occupied by our subject, which he cleared and improved with the assistance of his boys. He was a man of stern convictions; an upright citizen. He died in 1858 at the age of sixty-seven. The subject of this sketch was married July 4, 1850, to Mary, daughter of Israel and Catherine (Minium) Berlin, by whom he has four children: Adelia (Mrs. William A. Selby), John C., Alvira (Mrs. Edgar S. Harroun) and Charles A. Israel Berlin was a soldier in the war of 1812, and his father, Isaac Berlin, a soldier in the Revolution. He settled in Woodcock Township in 1807. Our subject resides on the old Watson homestead, where he has always lived with the exception of ten years. He is a member of the I. O. O. F., and the State Police; has held nearly all the offices in the gift of his township; was elected County Commissioner in 1872, serving one term; in politics he is a Republican.

ROBERT WATSON, farmer, P. O. Hayfield, was born in Hayfield Township, this county, October 28, 1839, and is a son of William and Magdalene (Cole) Watson. William was a native of Ireland, son of George Watson, and settled in Hayfield Township, this county, in 1818. Magdalene, his wife, was a daughter of Conrad Cole, said to be the first man to accomplish the feat of coming over the Alleghenies with a team and wagon, and who settled in Hayfield Township in 1802. The subject of this sketch was raised in his native township; has been a resident of Woodcock Township one year, Summerhill Township two years, and Vernon Township nine years, and has lived in Hayfield Township the balance of his time. He was married August 22, 1861, to Henrietta, daughter of Henry and Susan (Peiffer) Forham, early settlers of

Hayfield Township, this county, and by this union there are four children: Eva (Mrs. Augustus Hanks), George, Anna and William. Mr. Watson has resided on his present farm since 1882. He is a member of the State Police. In politics a Republican.

READING WILSON, farmer and blacksmith, P. O. Meadville, was born in Bucks County, Penn., October 6, 1823, son of John and Betsy (Himelwright) Wilson, who settled in Meadville, this county, in 1826, and in 1827 removed to Woodcock Township, this county, and settled on the farm now occupied by the widow of Francis Wilson, which they cleared and improved, and where John Wilson died in 1848 at the age of sixty-nine. Our subject resided in Woodcock Township until eighteen years of age, and then went to Meadville to learn the blacksmith's trade, at which he worked three years there. He then located in McGuffintown, in Hayfield Township, and opened a blacksmith shop, where he has worked at his trade up to the present time. In 1849 he purchased the farm, where he now resides, of his brother-in-law, John H. Culbertson, which he has since that time carried on in connection with his other business. Our subject was married March 22, 1849, to Catherine G., daughter of Robert and Alice (Frazier) Dickson, former a native of Scotland and a son of James Dickson, generally known as "Scotch Jimmie," who first came to Meadville in 1793, settled in Meadville in 1794, and then on the farm now owned by our subject in 1796. On reaching Meadville Robert Dickson was enrolled in the militia and performed military duty with the men when but nine years of age, serving with credit to himself and danger to the redskins. For this service he was afterward awarded a State pension. Then in 1811 he was commissioned by Gov. Simon Snyder for four years Lieutenant of the first company of the One Hundred and Thirty-seventh Regiment of the militia of Pennsylvania in the First Brigade of the Sixteenth Division, composed of the militia of the counties of Beaver, Butler, Mercer, Crawford, Erie, Venango and Warren. He took part in the war of 1812 and for patriotic services in that struggle was given a United States pension. After his father's death Mr. Dickson inherited a part of the old homestead, on which he lived for over three-quarters of a century. He was regarded as a man of strict integrity, highly esteemed and respected by his neighbors. He died in the ninetieth year of his age. Mrs. Wilson's maternal grandfather was Roderick Frazier, a native of Scotland, who served in the British Army under Cornwallis, and after the close of the war located in Carlisle, Penn.; in 1806 settled in Hayfield Township, this county, where he died at the age of seventy-five. Our subject by his marriage has had five children: Alice E. (deceased), Kate E. (Mrs. J. C. Dickson), Wanda A. E. (deceased), J. R. Eugene (deceased) and William H. Mr. Wilson has served his township as School Director. In politics he is a Republican.

MEAD TOWNSHIP.

L. BENNINGHOFF, farmer, P. O. Meadville, was born in Venango County, Penn., April 9, 1852, and is a son of George and Julia Ann (Baney) Benninghoff, natives of Pennsylvania and of German descent. George Benninghoff, who was a farmer, raised a family of five children, of whom L. is the third. Our subject received his training in the common schools and finished his education at the Commercial College of Meadville. He embarked in the oil business early in life, continuing in the same for seven years, but now resides on the farm of eighty acres, belonging to his father, who is now living a retired life in Meadville. Our subject was married in 1877, to Emma, daughter of George Cole. Their children are—Mabel, George V., and Norman. Mrs. Benninghoff is a member of the Lutheran Church. In his politics Mr. Benninghoff is a Republican.

C. M. BRAWLEY, farmer, P. O. Bousson, was born September 12, 1852, in Mead Township, this county, son of Francis and Eleanor (Stewart) Brawley, natives of Pennsylvania and of Irish descent, the former born February 16, 1806, in Crawford County, Penn., and the latter August 21, 1806, in Erie County, Penn. James and Mary (Glenn) Brawley, the parents of Francis Brawley, came to this county about 1800, and nine of their children grew up, four of them now living, viz.: Francis, James, Harriet and Sarah. The father was in the war of 1812. Francis Brawley, whose portrait appears in this work, is now living two miles west of the old home farm. He was married in 1838 to Eleanor Stewart, who died in 1876, and to this union were born six children, four of whom are now living, viz.: Sabina E., married to John Powell; Marion F., married to Adelia Kelley; Mary E. and Charles M. Mrs. Brawley was a member of the Methodist Church, to which denomination Mr. Brawley also belongs. He is owner of 110 acres of excellent land. C. M. Brawley, the subject of this sketch, was married in 1876 to Miss Cena Chase, a daughter of John Chase, the result of which union is one child—Roy. He and his wife are sincere Methodists and take an active interest in the Sabbath-school in their neighborhood, of which Mrs. Brawley is the Superintendent. The Brawley family are mentioned elsewhere in this volume.

HUGH P. BRAWLEY, farmer, P. O. Meadville, was born in this township, April 24, 1853, and is a son of John R. and Sarah (Haskins) Brawley, the father a native of Pennsylvania, the mother of New York, and descendants of Dutch and Irish ancestry. John R. was a successful farmer. He died in 1877. He raised a family of six children, of whom Hugh P. is the youngest. Our subject finished his education in the State Normal School at Edinboro, in Erie County. He was married in 1875 to Florence, a daughter of James Hamilton, and they have four sons: John, Lee, Harry and Milton. He is the owner of 170 acres of land, 150 of which are in this township. Politically Mr. Brawley is a Democrat.

WILLIAM BUCHANAN, farmer, P. O. Meadville, was born in this township, September 8, 1827, and is a son of Alexander and Caroline (Compton) Buchanan, natives of Pennsylvania, the former a farmer of Scotch-Irish, the latter of Welsh descent, and both early settlers of this county. They had a family of ten children. The father died in 1867, the mother following in 1873. Will-

iam was their eldest child, and he and three brothers served their country in the late war. Robert was Lieutenant-Colonel of his regiment. Edward and David were in Sherman's army, with Gen. Hooker's corps. William Buchanan was in the Second Ohio Volunteer Infantry as Second Sergeant, and re-enlisted in the One Hundred and Thirty-seventh Ohio Volunteer Infantry. Since the war he has followed farming. In politics he is a Republican.

C. BYAM, farmer and carpenter, P. O. Meadville, was born in this county, November 15, 1826, and is a son of John and Abigail (Oaks) Byam, natives of Massachusetts. The father, a pioneer of this county, in the early part of his career conducted a saw-mill and latterly farmed. Our subject, who is the sixth child of a family of seven boys and four girls, received a common school training and worked on the farm till his majority, since which he has mostly followed carpentering. He owns a farm of fifty-five acres. He was married in 1851 to Wilhelmina L. Scott, and this union has been blessed with eight children, of whom seven are now living—four sons and three daughters. Mr. Byam has served his district six years as School Director. In politics he is a Democrat.

REV. EUGENE COGNEVILLE, Catholic priest, P. O. Frenchtown, was born in France, September 13, 1840, son of Nicholas and Margaret (Mangel) Cogneville, also natives of France, the former of whom had been a wine grower in his native land, and is now living with his son (our subject) at Frenchtown; his wife died in France in 1862. Our subject was educated chiefly in the schools of his native country, but completed his tuition in the schools of St. Vincent, Latrobe, Penn., to which place he came in 1864. Two years later he was ordained at Erie, Penn., by Right Rev. Young, and entered upon his labors at St. Hippolytus Church, of Frenchtown, where he has a congregation of about 600.

DAVID COMPTON, farmer, P. O. Meadville, was born in Meadville, March 14, 1810, and is a son of David and Rebecca (Perrine) Compton, the former of New Jersey, the latter of Virginia. His father was the youngest son in his family and, in accordance with the family custom, the youngest son was named David, which custom has been continued through four generations. Our subject's father, a carpenter and farmer, came to this county in 1794; he was a soldier in the war of 1812, but was only required to go as far as Erie City. He was twice married and raised sixteen children, our subject being the youngest son by the first wife. He received his schooling in the country and has made farming his life work. For many years he was Captain of a military company, called Crawford County Volunteers. He was married in 1835 to Eliza N., daughter of John Brooks, who was at one time Assistant Judge of this county. Their children are—Col. John B., David P., Margaret (deceased), Nancy D., A. Blanche, and Marion C. Mr. and Mrs. Comptom are members of the Presbyterian Church, of which he has been for many years an Elder.

JAMES DANIELS, farmer, P. O. Meadville, was born in Randolph Township, this county, October, 3, 1846, and is a son of Samuel J. and Juliette Daniels, the father a farmer, a native of this county and now a resident of Randolph Township; the mother a native of Vermont. They had a family of five children, of whom James is the second. Our subject was educated in the common school, and has chosen as his life work the calling of a farmer; he now owns fifty acres of land in a high state of cultivation. He was married in 1866; his wife died in 1879, leaving four children: Wilber L., Anna Adell, Hattie and Ella. He was again married in 1883. Mrs. Daniels is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church. Mr. Daniels is a Democrat; he holds the office of Constable.

CAPT. JAMES H. DAVIS, farmer, P. O. Pettis, was born in Mead Township, this county, September 29, 1815, son of Patrick and Isabella (Linsley) Davis, natives, the former of Berks County, Penn., of Welsh descent, the latter of Ireland, of Irish extraction. His father came to Meadville in 1796, in company with six brothers, all of whom bought property, but three of the number became discouraged and returned to their native county. Patrick operated a tannery for many years in Meadville. He was twice married. Our subject, who is the eldest child by his father's second marriage, received a common school education and was brought up on a farm. He was married in 1839 to Sarah Stockton, a native of Pennsylvania and of English descent, which union has been without issue. They are members of the United Presbyterian Church. He has been Justice of the Peace, School Director, Supervisor, Assessor and Auditor of Mead Township. He was Commissioned Captain of a militia company by Gov. David R. Porter, of Pennsylvania, August 3, 1842, and held the same until the law governing militia organizations was nullified. He began life for himself at the age of twenty-one, when he obtained a deed for the farm where he now resides, and which he has cleared, making it one of the best farms in the township. He has paid out $12,550 for land during his life and he now possesses a large amount of property, the result of the efforts of himself and wife. He built and operated a saw-mill on his farm, and has an interest in the Warner Cheese Factory. He has always been active in the interests of his township, and, with William Warner, was a solicitor for aid to construct the New York, Pennsylvania & Ohio Railroad, from their own township and others. In politics he is a Democrat. His portrait appears elsewhere in this volume. His wife's father, Col. Robert Stockton, was the fourth child of Robert and Mary (McKenny) Stockton, who were the parents of eight children: Thomas, Margaret (married to Col. John Cotton, who was once an Elder in a church at Meadville), Frances (married to Charles Stewart), Col. Robert (once an Elder in a Meadville church), Jane (married to Rev. John Brice), John, Rev. Joseph, and Elizabeth (married to Rev. James Cunningham). Of these, Rev. Joseph was born February 25, 1779, in the neighborhood of Chambersburg, Penn., and in 1784 the family left that place for a settlement on a farm, in the vicinity of Washington, the county seat of Washington County, Penn. He was married May 8, 1800, to Esther Clark, a daughter of David Clark, and soon after became an inhabitant, with his bosom friend, of Meadville, this county, which was the first settlement formed in Pennsylvania, north of Pittsburgh and west of the Allegheny River and Conewango Creek, initiated by Gen. David Mead in 1787. On June 23, 1801, he was ordained and installed the first pastor of the Presbyterian Church in Meadville. During the nine years he resided here, he had charge of the Meadville Academy, together with the Presbyterian congregations of Meadville and Conneaut Lake. Rev. Joseph Stockton is mentioned elsewhere in this work.

HENRY J. DEWEY, farmer, P. O. Meadville, was born in Mead Township, this county, May 17, 1832, and is a son of Stillman and Susan (Scott) Dewey, natives of Massachusetts and of English descent. His father came when young to this county; was a blacksmith by trade; he raised a family of six children, of whom Henry is the eldest. After receiving the usual district school education our subject devoted himself to agriculture, which he has made his life work; has also been in the oil business to some extent; he is at present conducting a dairy, selling milk in the city of Meadville. He was married in 1854 to Phœba Phelps, who died in 1863, leaving one daughter, Sarah, now Mrs. Adolphus Hicks. He was again married in 1868, to Martha J., daughter of James and Sarah (Pultock) Plaw, who were English and early

settlers of Crawford County; they have an adopted son—Walter S. Mrs. Dewey is a member of the Baptist Church, and in 1882 was elected School Director, the first lady ever elected to that office in this township. Her long experience of thirty-seven terms as a teacher, twenty of them in this township, coupled with the fact that she was so successful a teacher that she never found any difficulty in obtaining a school, but was always in demand by different sections, certainly warranted her election. In politics Mr. Dewey is independent. His farm includes eighty-eight acres.

ISAAC S. DOANE, civil engineer and farmer, P. O. Meadville, was born April 30, 1818, in Massachusetts, son of Reuben and Hannah (Slayton) Doane, natives of Massachusetts, and of Scotch descent. Reuben Doane was a sea Captain, and in one of his voyages was shipwrecked in the Atlantic, losing his entire wealth, after which his son, Isaac S., cared for his wants. Our subject received an academic education at a Baptist institution in Worcester, Mass. He made the study of mathematics a specialty, and chose civil engineering as a profession, which he has successfully continued through life, commencing when seventeen years old on the Western, now Albany & Boston Railroad, under Maj. Whisler, of the United States Army, and there remained sixteen years. He next surveyed for eighteen months on the Rome & Watertown Railroad; next on the Sackett's Harbor & Ellisburg Railroad; then on the Potsdam & Watertown Railroad; next was chief engineer on the Oswego & Rome Railroad; following that he surveyed the route for the Oswego & New York Midland Railroad, and was appointed chief engineer of the Lake Ontario Shore Railroad; afterward surveyed the Boston, Hoosac Tunnel & Albany Railroad, and many other works of a greater or less degree of magnitude, including a portion of the Atlantic & Great Western, the St. Louis & Mt. Vernon, and considerable work on some of the roads in Canada. When sixteen years of age Mr. Doane purchased a small farm for $1,000, making a payment of $10 on the amount, and his earnest will and busy hands were set to work to obtain means to pay the balance, which was accomplished in one year, he having realized $500 by grafting and budding trees, $300 from one acre of musk melons, by teaching school in winter and making boots and shoes. Mr. Doane has been defrauded out of many just accounts, but is, nevertheless, the possessor of a beautiful farm and other property, besides what he has deeded to his sons. Mr. Doane was twice married, on first occasion to Miss M. E., daughter of Rev. Winthrop Morse, and has by her—E. A., civil engineer; Nellie A., a music teacher of fine ability, and Walter A., civil engineer, now on the Canadian Pacific Railway. Mrs. Doane dying, Mr. Doane then became united in marriage with Sarah B., a sister of his first consort, and to this union were born—Leo L., a civil engineer, now in Baltimore studying to be a physician and surgeon, and May L., a music teacher, etc. The daughters have attained special admiration, the eldest for her skill in music, the youngest for her accomplishment in elocution and music. Our subject is at present city engineer for Meadville. In politics he is a Republican. He is of an inventive turn of mind, and has devised some articles now giving valuable services although others claim the patent.

E. A. DOANE, civil engineer, P. O. Meadville, was born in Columbia County, N. Y., May, 1846, and is a son of Isaac S. and Elizabeth (Morse) Doane, natives of Massachusetts. The father, who is a civil engineer, and has resided in this county since 1854, raised a family of five children, of whom E. A. is the eldest, and who learned his profession at Oswego, N. Y. Our subject's first work was on the Oswego & Rome Railroad, where he remained three years; he was then employed one year for the Chicago & North Western Rail-

road; then on the Sioux City Railroad, in Iowa, where he remained until 1871. He next accepted a position as principal assistant engineer on the Lake Ontario Shore Railroad, where he continued two years. His health failing, he purchased the farm in this township where he now resides. Mr. Doane was several years chief engineer of the Lake Ontario Shore Railroad, and Rome, Watertown & Ogdensburg Railroad; also of the Meadville & Linesville Railroad, and of several other lines, during their construction. He has now a fine farm of 120 acres. In his political views he is Republican. He was married, in 1873, to Flora, daughter of Hubbard Betts, a native of New York, and of English descent. They have one son—Alonzo Betts—and one daughter—Jessie. Mr. and Mrs. Doane are Episcopalians in their church relations.

J. W. DOUGLAS, farmer, P. O. Meadville, was born in Meadville, September 20, 1818, and is a son of Joseph and Harriet (Williams) Douglas. Our subject's grandfather came to this county in 1797; was in the war of 1812, and had a brother a Major in the British Army. The grandfather taught the first school in this county, the schoolhouse being the old blockhouse in Meadville. J. W. is the eldest of a family of eight children, and early in life commenced merchandising, acting in that capacity thirty-seven years in Meadville. He was married February 22, 1844, to Eliza, daughter of John E. Smith, a pioneer hotel keeper of Meadville, and who lived to be ninety years of age. The results of this union have been six children, viz.: Mary, Sarah, Harriet, Jessie, Nellie and Carrie. Mr. Douglas is a Democrat in politics. In 1852 and 1853 he was County Treasurer. For thirteen years he was Lieutenant-Colonel of the First Regiment of Crawford County Volunteers, of which his father, who had also been in the war of 1812, was Colonel.

S. E. ELLIS, farmer and dairyman, P. O. Meadville, was born in Mead Township, this county, November 16, 1825, and is a son of John and Betsy (Sackett) Ellis, natives of Massachusetts, of English ancestry, who came to this county at an early day. The father, who was a farmer, raised a family of six children, S. E. being the third. Our subject received a common school training, and has chosen farming as his life vocation, taking dairying into connection, usually keeping thirty cows, and since he started for himself has been successful. He now owns a fine farm of 240 acres near the City of Meadville limits. He is Democratic in politics; has been seven years a School Director, but is no office seeker. He was married first to Frances A. Fry, a native of Massachusetts, by whom he had seven children, four now living, viz.: Albert F., Henry W., Nellie M. and Cora. His first wife dying in 1874, he again married. his second wife being Amelia, daughter of Dr. Palmer, of New York. Mr. Ellis is a member of the Episcopal Church.

DAVID S. ELLIS, farmer, P. O. Meadville, was born in this township January 25, 1828, and is a son of John and Betsy (Sackett) Ellis, natives of Massachusetts, and of English and Welsh descent. Our subject's grandfathers were both soldiers in the Revolutionary war. His maternal grandfather settled in Ohio; his grandfather Ellis came to Crawford County in 1817, purchased 400 acres of land, and gave 100 acres to his son John, who settled where our subject now lives. John Ellis was born in 1796 and died in 1871; in 1812 he defended his country's cause. His wife was born in 1793 and died in 1868. David S. was married in 1859 to Lucy J. Brawley, who died in February, 1862, leaving one child—Hattie Louise—wife of W. A. Doane. Our subject was married again, in 1866 to Adda M. Lord, who died in 1875; she was a member of the Episcopal Church. In politics Mr. Ellis is a Democrat, as were his father and grandfather before him. He has held some official positions in his township. He is one of Mead Township's successful farmers.

CLARK ELLIS, farmer, P. O. Meadville, was born in Mead Township, this county, June 27, 1838, and is a son of Abel and Sarah (Goodwell) Ellis, natives of Massachusetts and of English descent. Abel Ellis was born in 1813, and came in 1826 with his parents to this county, where he lived until his decease in 1877. He had two children: Henry, a carpenter in Meadville, and Clark, who early chose the vocation of his father, that of a farmer. Our subject received his education at the common schools of Meadville; is in the milk business in connection with general farming, and has met with success. He was married in 1856 to Mary Ann Harris, a native of New York State, daughter of Harvey Harris, a farmer of Mead Township. Their children are—Edwin, Amy, Earnest, Willis. Mr. Ellis is owner of a farm of eighty-seven acres. Mrs. Ellis is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church. Our subject, in politics, is a Republican.

M. M. GERDON, farmer and stock-raiser, P. O. Meadville, was born in Bavaria, Germany, December 29, 1827, and is a son of Adam Gerdon, a farmer, who had a family of five children, of whom M. M. is the third. Our subject received his education in his native land, going as far as the high schools. He then learned the soap and candle business, at which he worked until he came to Meadville in 1852, where he landed an almost penniless stranger in a strange land, unable to speak a word of English. He worked at his trade for the following two years, and then, after renting and farming lands for six years, purchased a farm of 130 acres, on which he now resides. He was married in 1853 to Mary Tavernier, a native of Germany, and their daughters are Margaret, wife of Reuben Smith; Kate, wife of Joseph Theuret; Louise, wife of C. Sweet; Mary, Georgina, and Nancy; the sons are John W., Frank J., Albert, Lewis, Clinton and Earnest. Mr. Gerdon is in politics a Democrat. When he landed here he had but $5.00 in his pocket, but is now wealthy.

A. C. GORTON, lumberman, and proprietor of steam saw-mill, P. O. Meadville, was born in Mead Township, this county, September 27, 1854, and is a son of A. N. and Mary D. (Williams) Gorton, the former a native of New York State, the latter of Pennsylvania. A. N. Gorton, who was a millwright and farmer, came to this county in 1844, and after a residence here of twenty-nine years, died in Missouri in 1880. Our subject, the youngest of five children, received a common school training, and has since been engaged in the lumber and saw-mill business. He erected his mill in 1881, in which he makes shingles, lath and all kinds of lumber. He was married in 1876 to Lucy, daughter of James H. Carr, of Warren County, Penn. He is a member of the I. O. O. F lodge of Meadville.

C. C. HATCH, farmer, P. O. Meadville, was born in this township June 2, 1826, and is a son of Ira and Electa (Wilder) Hatch, natives of Vermont and New York respectively. The father was a farmer. They had a family of nine children, of whom C. C. is the fourth. Our subject was educated at the district school, and has made farming his life vocation, now owning the well-improved farm on which he resides. Being in Wisconsin when the war broke out, he enlisted in 1862, in Company K, Thirty-third Wisconsin Volunteer Infantry; was at the siege of Vicksburg, and in ten important battles. He was discharged at the close of hostilities in 1865. Mr. Hatch was married in 1850 to Louise, daughter of John Robins, and their children are—Frank, Ira, George, Mary, Cora and Virgil. Mr. and Mrs. Hatch are church members. He is a Republican in politics.

A. J. HUNTER, retired farmer, P. O. Meadville, was born on the farm where he now resides in Mead Township, this county, November 11, 1815; son

of James Hunter, whose parents, John and Isabella Hunter, were natives of Ireland, whence they emigrated to Cumberland County, Penn., in 1773, and from there to Allegheny County, Penn., in 1775. James Hunter, our subject's father, was born in Cumberland County, Penn., August 10, 1775, and with his parents moved to Allegheny County, Penn., in 1786. In November, 1799, he settled on a tract of land belonging to the Holland Land Company. On May 3, 1801, he married Sarah Cunningham, and May 10, same year, came on the farm now occupied by our subject. A. J. Hunter, who is one of a family of seven children, after receiving his education in the log schoolhouse of the period, made farming his chosen occupation and since 1880 has also engaged in lumbering. He married, in 1843, Sarah Pardee, who bore him eleven children, viz.: Jesse, a farmer; Sarah, now Mrs. Frank Little; James, a farmer; Isabella, now Mrs. Orville Maloney; May, at home; John; William; Emma, now Mrs. Alfred Brown; Ella, now Mrs. John Drake; Perry and Anna. Mr. and Mrs. Hunter have reason to congratulate themselves that their family are all living and residing near them.

JOSEPH JEUNET was born in France, November 1, 1814, son of Alexander Jeunet, who was for thirty years in an office under the French Government. Joseph early in life learned watch-making, and became very expert at his art, in 1858 inventing a valuable watch escapement. He was married in France in 1840 to Louise Courteou, and they had five children, all but the youngest being born in France. In 1853 they immigrated to America, and settled on the farm in Mead Township on which he still resides; his wife departed this life in 1873. Their children are Paul, Mary, Augustine, Ernest and Valerie. In 1881 Mr. Jeunet established a cheese factory here. The family belong to the Catholic Church. In politics he is a Republican.

PERRY KIMMEY, carpenter and joiner, P. O. Meadville, who has been a resident of this county for nearly half a century, was born April 5, 1834, and is a son of William and Sarah (McFadden) Kimmey; the former, a farmer, came to this county when a young man, the latter was born in Pennsylvania, of Irish descent. They both died in this county. They had a family of twelve children, of whom Perry is the fourth. Our subject was educated in the Meadville public schools, and in that city learned the carpenter and joiner's trade, at which he has worked ever since with more than ordinary success. He now owns a farm near Meadville. In 1861 he enlisted in Company D, Eighty-third Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, serving two years. He was in seven well-contested engagements, and was wounded at the battle of Malvern Hill. Returning home he resumed his occupation.

LEWIS KRAEER, oil dealer and farmer, P. O. Meadville, was born in Washington County, Penn., December 10, 1845, and, being the son of a farmer, his early life was spent amid agricultural pursuits, but he soon embarked in the oil business, which he has continued with success to the present. He owns a farm in this township on which his family reside. He was married, August 30, 1866, to Hepsy Baker, also a native of Washington County, Penn., and their family consists of six children, as follows: Samuel, Edward, Carrie, Alda H., Olower and Jennie. Mr. and Mrs. Kraeer are members of the Presbyterian Church, in which he was an Elder in Butler County. He came to this township in 1882, and purchased his present farm of 107 acres. During the late war he served in the Pennsylvania Cavalry, but was ultimately discharged for disability.

O. G. LAKE, farmer, P. O. Meadville, was born in Chautauqua County, N. Y., December 2, 1833, and is a son of Calvin and Elizabeth (Goodsell) Lake, natives of New York and of French, German and English descent.

Calvin Lake was a farmer; came to this county in 1833, and raised a family of three sons and three daughters, of whom our subject is the eldest. He was early set to learn carpentering and has also worked in saw-mills. He is a natural mechanic and has traveled considerably, thereby improving his skill in that line. He settled on a farm in 1862, and the same year he was married to Catharine, daughter of John Cole, a farmer of Cussewago Township. Their children were—Mary Ellen (Mrs. John Flickinger), John (deceased), Mark Parker (at home on the farm), George L., Luke J., Mina E., Emma C., Matthew H. and James K. During the late war our subject enlisted and served three months in the first three requisitions under John W. McLane, Colonel in the Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry. He owns the farm of fifty-three and a half acres on which he resides, and has made what he has by his own exertions. He went into the oil business when it was booming, and, to use his own expression, he came out "busted," but he was not the man to give up the battle of life. For several years he was a resident of Erie County, Penn., living on the farm which he exchanged for the one he now owns. In politics Mr. Lake has been a Greenbacker since 1876.

CAPT. JAMES LESLIE, farmer, P. O. Meadville, was born in Lawrence County, Penn., May 25, 1807, and is a son of James and Margaret (Gaston) Leslie, the former a native of Ireland, the latter of Pennsylvania. Our subject, after receiving the ordinary training of the district school, spent several years in the hotel business, conducting first the "Leslie House," at New Castle, Penn., which hotel received its name from him; he then conducted the "McLure House" in Wheeling, W. Va., for several years, which is still the largest house in the State. In 1865 he purchased his farm of 175 acres in this township, on which he still resides. For several years our subject was Captain of a rifle company, from which he derived his title. He was married in 1828 to Clarissa Houk, who bore him seven sons, viz.: A. H., J. W., M. L., R. C., J. P., William M. and W. S. Capt. Leslie and five of his sons were in the Union Army. Mrs. Leslie departed this life in 1854, and in 1856 Capt. Leslie married E. M. Hayden, of Pittsburgh, Penn., who bore him two children: Emma R. and B. B.

GEORGE W. LORD, retired farmer, P. O. Meadville, was born in New York, November 4, 1804, and is a son of Solomon and Lila (Taffany) Lord, natives of Connecticut and of English descent. Our subject's grandfather was in the Revolutionary war, and lived and died in New York. Solomon Lord was in the war of 1812; came to this county in 1808, and raised a family of eleven children, of whom George W. is the seventh. Our subject was reared on the farm, but has labored at carpentering for over fifty years; he was married in 1834 to Permelia, daughter of Samuel Axtell, a native of Pennsylvania, and of English descent. She died in Mead Township in 1881. Her father was a physician, who practiced for many years in Mercer County, Penn. Mr. Lord is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, as was also his late wife. In politics he is a Republican.

J. C. McCLINTOCK, farmer, P. O. Meadville, was born in Venango County, Penn., February 11, 1851, and is a son of Hamilton and Mary (Jack) McClintock, natives of Pennsylvania, and of Scotch-Irish descent. His father, who was a farmer and oil producer, and a very successful business man, raised a family of eight children, of whom J. C. is the fourth. The father died in 1882 at Pittsburgh, Penn., where he had resided for several years. Our subject finished his education at Iron City Commercial College, where he graduated in 1871, and first engaged in the iron business in Pittsburgh, then for a time was in the oil business with his father. In 1880 he moved to Mead

Township, settling on his present farm of 220 acres. He was married in 1873 to Laura Flinn, and they have one son—Albert. Mr. and Mrs. McClintock are members of the Presbyterian Church.

JAMES McKINNEY, retired farmer, P. O. Meadville, was born in Warren County, Penn., September 28, 1811, and is a son of John and Rebecca (Arthurs) McKinney, the father a native of Ireland, the mother of Pennsylvania, and of Holland descent. John McKinney, who was a farmer and lumber dealer, died in Warren County, Penn., in 1841. James is the sixth in a family of nine children; was reared on the farm, and at the age of thirteen he carried the mail from Mayville, N. Y., to Meadville, Penn., by way of Titusville, serving in that capacity till 1827. In those days there were but few houses between Meadville and Titusville. He afterward engaged in the lumber business, continuing at the same until 1866. He then went to farming in Westmoreland County, Penn., where he remained until 1870, when he sold out and bought the farm near Meadville on which he now resides. He was married in 1837 to Lydia Turner, and their children are—Harriet, now Mrs. Henry Clasen, in Meadville; J. L., a well-known business man of Titusville, and the choice of the Democratic party for Congress in 1884; J. C., an oil dealer in Titusville; H. B., an oil dealer; H. R., an oil dealer in Bradford, and G. R. The second child, Mortimer, and sixth child, Jefferson, are deceased. Mr. McKinney has given all his family the benefit of a good education. By prudent industry he has been financially successful. In politics he is Democratic.

REV. L. G. MERRILL, pastor of the Meadville Circuit of the Methodist Episcopal Church, Meadville, was born near Vienna, Trumbull Co., Ohio, July 15, 1825, and is a son of Ansel and Any (Combs) Merrill, the father a native of Connecticut, the mother of Ohio, and both of English descent. The father was a wealthy clock manufacturer. Our subject is the fourth in a family of eleven children. He attended the academy at Vienna, Ohio, and Kingsville and Allegheny Colleges. Having chosen the ministry as his profession, his first charge was at South Oil City for one year as supply. He was then regularly appointed. He has preached at several places since, and as his labors have been blessed he has remained generally two years in a place. He was married in 1854 to Amanda A., daughter of F. A. Wilson; their surviving children are Luella, wife of W. A. Seyler; Alice, wife of George F. Sheets; Florence, Hattie and Laura. Politically, Mr. Merrill regards the prohibition issue as paramount. He is the owner of twenty-five acres of well-improved land in Mead Township, this county. Having been all his life a close student and a hard worker, he is now taking a year's vacation to recuperate his health.

WILLIAM MERRIMAN, farmer, P. O. Meadville, was born in Somerset Co., Penn., October 17, 1830, and is a son of George and Elizabeth (Oris) Merriman, natives of Pennsylvania and of German descent. William is the eldest of a family of three children, and received his education in the common schools and Meadville Academy. He remained with his father, was in canal and railroad business until he was eighteen years of age, since which time he has farmed and part of the time been in the dairy business. He was married in 1851 to Henrietta Harrington, a native of this county, and of English descent. Their children are—George, Crawford, Herman and Joanne. Mrs. Merriman is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church. Mr. Merriman is a Republican, politically.

JESSE PARDEE, retired, P. O. Meadville, was born March 18, 1802, in Connecticut, son of Daniel and Flora (Bray) Pardee, the former a native of Connecticut, the latter a daughter of Asa Bray, a Colonel in the Revolutionary war. They were the parents of eight children: Bray, Daniel, Lydia, Sallie, James, Fannie, Jesse and John. Our subject was educated in the common

schools, and in early life learned the occupation of a farmer; also worked in a rope-walk. He commenced life without any means, but by industry and frugality he accumulated some 210 acres of land, which he has partly divided among his children, with whom he now lives comfortably on the interest of his savings, having been retired from active life for the past thirteen years. Mr. Pardee has also had transactions to some extent in oil. He came to this county in 1820, walking all the way from Connecticut, with a knapsack on his back weighing thirty-six pounds, starting on his journey February 22, and arriving in Meadville March 13 following. He then began work on the Meadville and Franklin pike; after that he cleared ten acres of land for Christian Steinbrook, at the same time improving the occasion by courting his employer's daughter, Elizabeth, who subsequently became his wife February 7, 1822; her mother's name was Esther Troutman. To this union were born ten children, viz.: Sallie, wife of Jackson Hunter; Susan, wife of Joseph Johnson; Christian J., deceased; Catharine, deceased; Mary, deceased; Esther, wife of John Southwick; John H. (see sketch below); Emeline, wife of D. Fowler, deceased; Florinda, deceased, and Elizabeth, wife of J. B. Girard. Mrs. Pardee died in 1845. She was a member of the Lutheran Church. Mr. Pardee has 118 lineal descendants now living—six children, fifty grandchildren, and sixty-two great-grandchildren. He has filled the offices of Supervisor, Assessor and Collector three terms, and Assistant Assessor three terms; was President of the first board of School Directors for Mead Township. In politics he is a Republican.

JOHN H. PARDEE, farmer and stock-raiser, P. O. Meadville, was born in Mead Township, this county, on the farm where he now resides, April 25, 1834, and is the second son of Jesse and Elizabeth (Steinbrook) Pardee (see sketch above). Our subject has devoted his entire life to farming and stock-raising, and now owns 150 acres of land, nearly all under a high state of cultivation. He was married May 22, 1872, to Julia A., daughter of Samuel Homan, a prominent farmer of this county, and to this union have been born four children: Flora, Fannie, Jesse and Maggie. Mrs. Pardee is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church. In politics our subject is a Republican.

F. F. RUNDEL, farmer, P. O. Bousson, was born in Erie County, Penn., July 21, 1859, and is a son of Loren and Eliza (Ross) Rundel, natives of Pennsylvania, and of English origin. Loren Rundel was a farmer, and F. F. wisely chose his father's vocation; being the eldest son, he remained at home working with his father on their farm of seventy-six acres, on which they have resided since 1872. They vote the Democratic ticket.

AUGUSTUS RUSHLANDER, farmer, P. O. Blooming Valley, was born in France, March 30, 1843, and is a son of John C. and Harriet (Besanson) Rushlander, who were also natives of France, came to America in 1853, settling in Mead Township, where they raised a family of two children, of whom Clovis, the eldest, went to Arkansas. Augustus Rushlander received a common school education, and has made farming his vocation, now owning a fine farm of over 300 acres. He was married in 1867, to Virginia Verrain, and their children are—Leander, Eugenie, Augustus, Louise, Mary and Blanche. The family are members of the Catholic Church.

WILLIAM SMITH, farmer, P. O. Meadville, was born in Mead Township, February 14, 1827, and is a son of William and Betsey (Looper) Smith, the father a native of New Jersey, of English descent, the mother a native of Pennsylvania, of German descent. They came to this county about 1810, and raised a family of six sons and five daughters, William being the tenth. The father, in the early part of his life, was a shoe-maker, in the latter

part a farmer; he was in the war of 1812; died in Mead Township, Penn., in 1848. His brother, George, uncle of our subject, was also in the war of 1812, and still lives in this township at the venerable age of ninety-four years. Two of our subject's brothers, Robert and James, were engaged in the late war. Our subject received an ordinary district schooling, and has all his life followed agriculture, owning a farm of 100 acres. He was married in 1855 to Cornelia Moore, who died in 1881, leaving two children: Loomis H. and Mina E. In politics Mr. Smith is a Republican.

SETH B. SMITH, farmer, P. O. Meadville, was born in Connecticut, February 5, 1829, and is a son of Harmon and Julia (Pierpont) Smith, natives of Connecticut, and of English origin. In the pioneer days of this county Harmon Smith was a cooper, but in later life followed farming; he had a family of eight children. Seth B. was raised on a farm, but in 1853 he went to California, remaining three years; he has traveled over the greater portion of the United States. He has been twice married, first in 1857, to Mary Ann Devore, who died in 1872. This union was blessed with four children. For his second wife Mr. Smith married Catharine, daughter of David Johnson, and to this union was born one child. Mrs. Smith is a member of the Reformed Church. Mr. Smith in his political views is Democratic; he takes deep interest in education, having served his district three years as School Director. On the occasion of his return from California, our subject had a narrow escape from death at Panama; some Spaniards set upon and massacred forty Americans, but Mr. Smith's life was saved by the kind offices of a friendly native, who secreted him till danger was past.

J. T. SMITH, farmer, P. O. Meadville, was born in Connecticut, September 28, 1830, and is a son of Herman and Julia (Blakeslee) Smith, also natives of Connecticut, and of English descent. They came to this county in 1840; the father, who followed coopering and farming, died in Mead Township in 1855. J. T., who is the second of eleven children, was reared on the farm, received a common school education, and is now owner of ninety acres of well-improved land in Mead Township. He has been twice married; on first occasion, in 1853, to Anna Brown. His second wife is Mary Brown, who has borne him six children: Irvin, John, Edna, Ella, Anna, and an infant not named. Mrs. Smith is a member of the Reformed Church. Mr. Smith is a Democrat; has held most of the offices of the township.

FREDERICK STADTLER, farmer, P. O. Meadville, was born in Germany, September 29, 1829, and is a son of John Stadtler, a native of Germany, who was a laborer; he raised a family of four children, of whom Frederick is the second. After receiving his education in his native land, our subject came to America in 1853, where he acquired the English language. He first worked as a day laborer, and afterward rented a farm for five years, when he came to Meadville, and for thirteen years followed the vocation of a teamster. Then in 1875 he purchased a farm of sixty-eight and a half acres in this township, which is in a high state of cultivation, and on which he still resides. He was married in 1855 to a native of Germany, and they have nine children, seven living, as follows: John, Fred, Henry, Frank, Charles, Louise and Daniel. Mr. and Mrs. Stadtler are members of the Evangelical Protestant Church.

CHARLES L. STITZER, lumberman and farmer, P. O. Meadville, was born in this county, May 23, 1840, and is a son of John and Sarah (Mauer) Stitzer, natives of Pennsylvania and of German descent. The father, a farmer, settled in East Fairfield Township, this county, in 1838, and raised a family of eight children, of whom Charles L. is the sixth. Our subject received a

common school education and commenced early in life to work at the saw-mill business, which he has continued with success to the present. In 1877 he lost his mill and a large quantity of lumber by fire. He now owns 110 acres of land in this township. He was married in 1865 to Sarah, daughter of David Baird, and a native of this county. Their children are C. M., Homer L., Emma V., and Elizabeth Annabel. Mr. and Mrs. Stitzer are members of the Reformed Church. Politically he is a Democrat.

ROBERT L. WAID (deceased) was born May 1, 1826, in Riceville, Crawford Co., Penn., and was brother of F. C. Waid, whose sketch appears in this volume. He received a common school education, was brought up on a farm, and during life was engaged as a tiller of the soil. Mr. Waid was married October 16, 1852, to Almeda Wheeler, a daughter of Abram and Amanda (Taylor) Wheeler, who were the parents of ten children, viz.: Lorenda, Lorenzo, Elisha T., Roxana, Elvira, Phoebe M., Samantha, Elijah M., Almeda and William V. This union was blessed with three children: Orlanda, Nick P., and Ira (deceased). Our subject died June 17, 1880, deeply regretted by many friends and neighbors. His widow is now residing on the farm in Mead Township which was improved by him. He was a member of the K. of H.; in politics a Republican. In early life he was somewhat remarkable as a successful trainer of steers and oxen on the farm, and in after years in the breaking and training of horses. He was a model farmer, and neatness and perfect order in all things were prominent features upon all parts of his farm. It is through the generosity and family respect of his brother, Mr. F. C. Waid, that his portrait appears in this history.

WILLIAM WARNER, retired farmer, P. O. Meadville, was born September 19, 1815, in Massachusetts, son of Bela and Sarah (Kingman) Warner, natives, the former of Connecticut, the latter of Massachusetts and of English extraction. William was their only child and came with his parents to this county, in 1841; was educated in the county schools and brought up on the farm. He was united in marriage in 1838 with Amy P. Prentiss, who died in 1879, a consistent member of the Methodist Episcopal Church. In 1882 our subject was married to Mrs. Mary A. Elder, widow of James H. Elder (deceased in 1853), and daughter of Charles Clapp. She is an adherent of the Presbyterian denomination. Mr. Warner was appointed Commissioner to fill the unexpired term of Isaiah Lane, in January, 1862. In the fall of the same year he was elected to continue the same term, and in 1863 was re-elected for a full term of three years. He has been a Justice of the Peace in Mead Township and was Tax Collector for the same in 1859, 1861, 1880 and 1883, and has not been unwilling to serve in some of the minor offices where it is all work and no pay. Our subject in politics is a Republican. In this volume will be found a portrait of this worthy, substantial and representative man.

N. M. WASSON, farmer and stock-raiser, P. O. Meadville, was born in Crawford County, Penn., November 23, 1823, and is a son of William and Betsy (Marshall) Wasson, natives of Pennsylvania, the mother born in this county. The father came here soon after the war of 1812, took up a farm, and raised a family of six sons and three daughters, of whom N. M. is the second child. He was brought up on the farm, and in early life ran a boat for hauling iron to Pittsburgh, but has been for many years a prosperous and successful farmer, owning 120 acres of good land well improved. He was married in 1845, and his children by his first marriage are—James, Elizabeth, William, Sarah J., and Catharine. Mrs. Wasson dying in 1855, in the following year he married Rachel (Barr), widow of John Porter, by whom she had two children: S. T. and Julia. The fruits of this last union are—David L., John

M., Edwin D., Lucy E., and Charles H. Mr. and Mrs. Wasson are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, of which he has been Steward, Trustee and Treasurer. He is a Republican in politics; has been Supervisor, Collector and was Census Taker in 1880; he is a member of the State Police, having served as Captain.

J. C. WHITEHILL, farmer, P. O. Meadville, was born in Pennsylvania, May 20, 1845, and is a son of David and Esther (Packer) Whitehill, natives of Pennsylvania, and of Scotch-Irish ancestry. J. C. received the usual common school training at the district school, early embraced the vocation of his father, that of lumberman, and was in the South for thirteen years in that business. He came to this township in 1883 and purchased a farm of 100 acres. He was married, in 1878, to Mary E., daughter of Benjamin McGehee, and they have two children: Lucy L. and Mabel. Mrs. Whitehill is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church. Mr. Whitehill has, through energy and enterprise, achieved success as a business man.

LORENZO WILLIAMS, farmer and lumberman, P. O. Guy's Mills, was born in Massachusetts, July 26, 1815, and is a son of E. and Hannah (Parrish) Williams, natives of Massachusetts and of English and Welsh descent. His father, who was by trade a tanner, in 1828 settled in the woods four miles east of Meadville and engaged in farming and lumbering until his death, which occurred in 1867, at the ripe old age of eighty-five years. Our subject's grandfathers were both in the Revolutionary war; his grandfather Williams was born December 29, 1741, and died January 26, 1816. Lorenzo Williams, third in a family of four children, was reared on a farm, but naturally gravitated toward the lumbering business. Although his scholastic education was limited to that afforded in a log schoolhouse, what he lacked in schooling he made up in industry in business, and early in life commenced the manufacture of felloes for wagons, continuing his farm work at the same time, which has increased from his first purchase of fifty acres to 250 acres in this township, and in all his different lines of business he has been financially successful. He commenced manufacturing in 1849, in which industry he remained ten years. He was married in 1844 to Margaret, daughter of William and Margaret (Wentz) Hope, the former of Irish and the latter of German descent. William Hope was by occupation a wagon-maker, and his daughter, Margaret, was born in Meadville in 1818. The children of Mr. and Mrs. Williams are as follows: Alfred, a farmer and lumberman, married; Effie (Mrs. D. C. Cutler), of Randolph Township; John, farmer and partner with his father in sawmill, married; Ella, wife of Dr. Sedler, of Salamanca, N. Y.; Florence, died March 14, 1881, in her twenty-second year; Emma, an adopted daughter, at home. They have given their family a good business education, in order to inculcate habits of prudence and economy.

JAMES WIRT, farmer and apiarist, Meadville P. O., a prominent early pioneer of Mead Township, was born December 9, 1814, in New Jersey, received his education in a Quaker school, and learned his father's trade, that of a cooper, which he followed for many years. He has always been a hard-working man, and is now owner of a seventy-acre farm; he always loved the bee and long cherished the idea of bee culture; he now has sixty-five swarms, to which he devotes most of his time. He was married in Mead Township in 1839 to Anna Shanger, and they have had four children: Charles, the eldest, died in the army; Lewis, Sarah and Edward. Mr. Wirt is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church. Politically he is a Greenbacker.

JOHN D. WYMAN, P. O. Meadville. This gentleman besides being a farmer is engaged in the manufacture of tiles, also of lumber, owning a saw-

mill. In 1875 he started the first tile manufactory in this county, which he still continues successfully to operate. His farm consists of 100 acres in the vicinity of Meadville. He was born in Randolph Township, this county, February 9, 1830, and is a son of James and Caroline (Gibbs) Wyman, the father a native of New Hampshire, the mother of Vermont. They came into the woods and cleared a farm in this county, raising a family of nine children, John D. being the seventh. The father died in this county in 1871. Our subject received a common school education, was reared on a farm, but has for years conducted a successful saw-mill business. He was married in 1858 to Prudence Taylor, and they have three children: William G., Hettie M. and Jessie C. Mrs. Wyman and two of the children are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

NORTH SHENANGO TOWNSHIP.

JAMES ALLEN, mason, P. O. Espyville, was born in North Shenango Township, this county, June 6, 1825; son of Stephen and Jane (Gilliland) Allen. His father, who was a native of New Jersey, settled in South Shenango Township, this county, in 1802, where he lived with his father, Moses Whittaker Allen, until after his marriage; about 1814 he moved to Mead Township, this county, where he worked at farming until 1824, in which year he moved to North Shenango Township, where he built a saw and grist-mill and a carding and clothing mill. His wife was a daughter of Hugh Gilliland, who came from Fayette County, Penn., and was an early settler of Summerhill Township, this county. Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Allen had ten children: Moses, Simpson (deceased), Hugh (deceased), William (deceased), Eliphalet (deceased); Sarah, now Mrs. Thomas Stockton; Nancy, now Mrs. Neal A. McKay; James, Elizabeth (deceased) and Eliza J., now Mrs. Aaron Chapman. Stephen died in 1874 at the age of eighty-six, and his widow in 1875, also at the age of eighty-six. The subject of this sketch was reared in North Shenango Township; he is a wool-carder and cloth-dresser by trade. He was twice married, his first wife being Mary E. Johnson; his present wife is Mary E., daughter of Lyman and Olive (Gillett) Waring, of Conneaut Township, this county, to whom he was married October 7, 1869. By this union there were three children: Olive J., Sarah R. and Burke (latter deceased). Mr. Allen was a soldier in the war of the Rebellion, having enlisted September 14, 1861, in Company I, Eighty-third Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry; he was at the siege of Yorktown, Va., in the seven days' fight before Richmond; was wounded at Malvern Hill; was in the battles of Antietam, Fredericksburg, Mine Run, Chancellorsville, in the Wilderness campaign, was present at the siege of Petersburg, and in many other engagements; he was honorably discharged September 20, 1864. He was engaged in farming in Conneaut Township, this county, from 1866 to 1875, when he returned to North Shenango, where he still resides. He is a member of the United Presbyterian Church, his wife of the Methodist Church. He is a member of Capt. A. J. Mason Post, No. 322, G. A. R., Department of Pennsylvania; in politics he is a Republican.

JOSEPH R. ANDREWS, farmer, P. O. Espyville, was born in East Fallowfield Township, this county, September 3, 1816, son of John and Elizabeth (Richardson) Andrews, who were among the first settlers of East Fallowfield

Township. They located on the farm now owned by their son, Hezekiah Andrews. This they cleared and improved, and there lived and died. John Andrews was a native of Ireland, his wife a native of Maryland. They had nine children: Nancy (deceased), Joseph R., John (deceased), Robert (deceased), David (deceased), William, Hezekiah, Elizabeth (deceased) and Charles. The subject of this sketch was reared in East Fallowfield Township, this county; was educated in the common schools and Allegheny College at Meadville. In 1840 he settled in North Shenango Township on the farm where he now lives, and which he has cleared and improved. He was thrice married, his first wife being Sarah, daughter of Sidney B. Herriott, who settled in North Shenango Township, this county, in 1799. By this union there were three children: Emily, Cyrus, and Francis (deceased). His second wife was Pasca (Weir) Conrad, who lived but one year after marriage. His present wife is Elizabeth, daughter of Andrew Linn, who settled in North Shenango Township, this county, in 1800. By this union there were two children: Herbert and Ransom, both deceased. The former was killed in the fall of 1883, in his seventeenth year, by a stroke of lightning. Mr. Andrews owns three farms, comprising about 500 acres. In politics he is a Republican.

GEORGE C. CAMPBELL, farmer, P. O. Espyville, was born in South Shenango Township, this county, October 27, 1835, son of Charles and Sarah T. (Deforest) Campbell, who came from New Jersey, and were among the early settlers of North Shenango Township, this county. They first located on the farm now owned by A. M. Gaugh; from there went to Espyville, where Mr. Campbell worked at blacksmithing about two years. He then went to South Shenango Township and purchased the farm now owned by William Fonner; afterward purchased a farm near Campbell's Corners, where he lived many years. He was born May 4, 1797, and died in 1880. His wife was born August 31, 1793. They had nine children: William (deceased), Isaac (deceased), Jemima (deceased), John W. (deceased), Melissa (now Mrs. N. W. Wolverton), Elizabeth (deceased), Charles, George C. and Hiram K. The latter was in the war of the Rebellion, having enlisted in Company H, One Hundred and Forty-fifth Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry; was taken prisoner at the battle of Gettysburg, and kept a prisoner at Belle Isle 137 days, when he was paroled, re-joined his regiment at Annapolis, and died a few days after from the effects of starvation. The subject of this sketch was reared in South Shenango Township, this county, and educated in the common schools there. He resided there until 1859, when he located in North Shenango Township on the farm where he now resides. He was married February 17, 1859, to Mandana, daughter of Samuel C. and Chloe (Duty) Hollister, of North Shenango Township, this county, by whom he has six children: Jessie (now Mrs. J. H. Free), Elton F., Fred, Nellie, Chloe D. and Albert B. Mr. Campbell and wife are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church. He was drafted in the late war, but sent an alien as a substitute. He is a member of the I. O. O. F.; in politics a Republican.

ROBERT B. COLLINS, farmer, P. O. Espyville, was born in North Shenango Township, this county, March 1, 1825, son of Isaac W. and Margaret (Bennett) Collins. Isaac W. was a native of Mifflin County, Penn., and with two brothers, Henry and Elijah, settled in North Shenango Township, this county, in 1801. The family first settled on the farm now owned by Hiram Collins, and Isaac W. soon after settled on the farm now owned and occupied by our subject, which he cleared and improved, and where he lived and died. His wife was a daughter of William Bennett and sister of Robert, Anthony and Henry Bennett, who were among the first settlers

of North and South Shenango Townships. William Bennett, the maternal grandfather of our subject, lived to be one hundred and four years old. Mr. and Mrs. Isaac W. Collins had eleven children: Isaiah (deceased), Rachel (deceased), Henry B., Ann (deceased), Nancy (now Mrs. Dr. I. Clapp), Matthew G. (deceased), Elijah, John P., William (deceased), Robert B. and Margaret E. (latter deceased). The subject of this sketch was reared in North Shenango Township, received a limited education in the common schools, and has always resided on the old homestead. He was married, April 27, 1848, to Lucy A., daughter of Lester and Laura (Hillyer) Waters, of Andover, Ohio, by whom he has seven children: Homer, Edgar, Howard L., Albert W., Ernest H., Maud V. and Frank R. Mr. Collins and wife are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church. He has held the office of School Director of the township three terms; in politics is a Democrat.

ROBERT CUNNINGHAM, farmer, P. O. Linesville, was born in Lancaster County, Penn., October 13, 1800; son of Martin and Sarah Cunningham, who came to this county in 1801, making the journey on horseback, our subject being carried in his mother's arms. They remained for a time in Conneaut Township, and afterward settled in what is now Pine Township, where they lived for several years and finally removed to South Shenango, where they died. They had eleven children, of whom six are now living: Robert, William F., Eliza, Nancy, Samuel M. and Sarah. The subject of this sketch has been twice married; his first wife was Rachel Collins, by whom he had eleven children, eight now living: William A., James H., Margaret E., Nancy A., Sarah E., Isaac M., Robert A. and Vestine. His present wife was Mrs. Hannah (Ferris) Reynolds, widow of Samuel Reynolds. Mr. Cunningham has lived since 1824 on his present farm, all of which he has cleared and improved. He has been a noted hunter, having killed over 3,000 deer and many bears and catamounts. He never knew what fear was in hunting expeditions, although he has been in several tight places. For a man of his years our subject enjoys good health, though he is now nearly blind. In politics he has always been a Democrat.

ALEXANDER C. ESPY, farmer, P. O. Espyville, was born in North Shenango Township, this county, November 27, 1824; son of Patterson and Mercy (Freeman) Espy. His paternal grandfather, George Espy, came from Fayette County, Penn., to this county in 1802, and took up a large tract of land where Espyville now stands, and which derived its name from him. He built the first grist-mill in what is now North Shenango Township, also the first sawmill; was in the milling business for many years. The maternal grandfather of our subject was Alexander Freeman, a native of New Jersey, and among the first families who settled in Mead Township, this county. At the time of their settlement there were but nine white families in Meadville, and the mother of our subject often played with the Indian children, in her childhood, on the spot where the city of Meadville now stands. Patterson Espy practiced law more or less in his day; he was also a surveyor and farmer, and cleared a part of the farm now owned and occupied by our subject. During the war of 1812 he was engaged in buying cattle for the use of the American Army. He died July 18, 1859, in his seventy-third year, and his widow January 26, 1862, in her seventy-fifth year. They had ten children: Phebe S. (now Mrs. Joseph Patton), Maria (now Mrs. John Dickey), Thomas S., Eliza A. (deceased), Rebecca J. (deceased), Permelia F. (now Mrs. Frey, in Iowa), Rosina M. (deceased), Alexander C., Stephen B. (killed at the battle of Chattanooga, July 30, 1863), and George W. (deceased). The subject of this sketch was reared and educated in his native township, where he has always resided.

He was married December 24, 1856, to Sarah M., daughter of James and Nancy (Espy) Espy, of North Shenango Township, this county, by whom he has had seven children: Rosina (now Mrs. C. J. Mordoff, in Minnesota), Loema (now Mrs. Albert Collins), Dora (deceased), Georgie, Clark, Ella and Roy. Mr. Espy and wife are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and of the E. A. U. He has served his township as Justice of the Peace two terms and has held several other minor offices. In politics he was reared a Democrat, but is now independent.

WILLIAM F. ESPY, farmer, P. O. Espyville, was born in North Shenango Township, this county, January 3, 1835; son of John and Margaret (Free) Espy. His paternal grandfather, George W. Espy, came from Fayette County, Penn., to this county, in 1802, locating in Shenango Township, and settling where the village of Espyville now stands, and which took its name from him. He took up a tract of 400 acres, part of which he cleared and improved, and here he lived and died. He had eleven children: Nancy, Patterson, Josiah, Thomas, Ann, Richard, Hugh Mc., David, James, John and Stevenson, all now deceased. The maternal grandfather of our subject, Peter Free, a native of Lancaster County, Penn., settled in North Shenango Township in 1806, and cleared up a farm, where he lived and died. The children of John Espy were seven in number: Rebecca A. (now Mrs. Thomas Russell), Mary (deceased), Nancy (deceased), Sarah (deceased), William F., James K. and Margaret. The subject of this sketch was reared in North Shenango, and was educated in the common schools. He was married, June 20, 1861, to Helen M., daughter of Lyman and Olive (Gillett) Waring, of Conneaut Township, this county. The issue of this union was seven children: Harley J., Olive M., George S., Frank G., Nora E., Anna R. (deceased), Winnie B. Mr. Espy resides on the farm where his father settled in 1836, and which was cleared and improved by him. His father died June 1, 1872, at the age of seventy-two years. The widow now resides with our subject. Mr. Espy and wife are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, with which they have been connected for many years. In politics he is independent.

LEWIS FREEMAN, P. O. Linesville, was born in Warren County, N. J., April 8, 1824, son of Henry and Lydia (Kerr) Freeman. He was reared in his native county and there resided until 1845, when he came to South Shenango Township, this county, remaining one year and working on a farm by the month during summer, and attending school in winter. In 1848 he returned to New Jersey and lived there until 1856, in which year he located in North Shenango Township, this county, and bought a farm of 215 acres, along with his brother, J. H. Freeman, with whom he remained one and a half years, when they divided the farm, our subject taking ninety-five acres which, with the exception of forty acres, he still has in his possession. In 1858 our subject rented the farm he now occupies, and in 1860 purchased it. It then comprised 125 acres, but he has since bought land adjoining, and now has a fine farm of 224 acres, part of which he has cleared, and on which he has made all the improvements in buildings, etc. Mr. Freeman was twice married, his first wife being Elizabeth, daughter of Charles and Sarah Campbell, by whom he had three children: Clara (deceased), Sarah L. and Dora. His present wife is Phebe A., daughter of John and Elizabeth (Collins) Linn, who settled in North Shenango Township, this county, in 1800. Mr. Freeman and his family are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church. He was elected President of the Linesville Savings Bank in the fall of 1883; has held several offices in the gift of his township. In politics is a Republican.

JOHN HAYS, farmer, P. O. Espyville, was born in County Donegal, Ire-

land, September 13, 1824, son of George and Mary (Moffat) Hays, of Scotch and Irish descent. He was reared and educated in his native country, as were his parents before him; he immigrated to America in 1848, remaining in Philadelphia six months, and then settled in Venango County, Penn., where he cleared and improved a farm and resided until 1864, when he sold his farm, moved to Philadelphia and there lived one year. In 1865 he settled in North Shenango Township, this county, on the farm on which he now resides, of which, at that time, there were but eight acres out of 200 under the plow. Mr. Hays now has 100 acres under a high state of cultivation. He was married, May 18, 1852, to Nancy, daughter of Robert and Margaret (Starrett) Gregg, natives of Ireland; she immigrated to this country in 1842. By this union there are seven children: William G., George M., Robert A., Margaret S. (now Mrs. William A. Gregg), Adam M., Henry L. M. and Anna M. Mr. Hays and family are members of the United Presbyterian Church. He has served the township as Treasurer two terms. In politics has always been a Republican.

WILLIAM HAYS, farmer, P. O. Espyville, was born in County Donegal, Ireland, June 8, 1833, son of George and Mary (Moffat) Hays, who immigrated to America in 1850 and located in Venango, Penn., where they died. They were parents of six children: John, Grizzella, Mary (deceased), Mary, Robert and William. Our subject settled in North Shenango Township in 1865, on the farm where he now resides and most of which he cleared and improved. The farm comprises 146 acres, ninety of which are under a high state of cultivation. Mr. Hays was married September 22, 1859, to Rebecca, daughter of Charles and Jane (Hays) Moore, natives of Ireland, and later residents of Armstrong County, Penn. By this union there are five children now living: Grizzella, Charles, Mary, Elizabeth S. and Margaret A. Mr. Hays, his wife and three eldest daughters are members of the United Presbyterian Church. In politics our subject has always been a Republican.

J. O. KENT, physician and surgeon, Espyville, was born in Lenox, Ashtabula Co., Ohio, March 11, 1840, son of Silas and Mary (Brown) Kent. His father was a native of Connecticut and settled in Kingsville, Ohio, in 1822. In 1836 he removed to Lenox, Ohio, where he cleared and improved a farm and there lived and died. Mary, his wife, was a daughter of Capt. Charles Brown, a native of England, an old lake Captain well known on the lakes in his day. The subject of this sketch was reared in Lenox, Ohio, and educated in select schools. At the age of twenty-three he read medicine with Dr. W. T. McMurtry, now of Geneva, Ohio; afterward took a course of lectures at the Medical University of Ann Arbor, Mich., and commenced the practice of medicine in Espyville in 1867, where, with the exception of three years while located in Rock Creek, Ohio, he has since been in active practice. He was married in 1871 to Mary, daughter of Richard and Nancy Ann (McKay) Free, of South Shenango Township, this county. By this union are three children: Leonore, Clare and Donald. Dr. Kent is now the only practicing physician in North Shenango Township; in politics he is a Republican.

NATHAN S. LINN, farmer, P. O. Espyville, was born in this township, January 8, 1819, son of Andrew and Theadate (Buell) Linn. His father was a native of New Jersey, and a son of Alexander Linn, who died in New Jersey, and whose widow, Hannah Linn (*nee* Armstrong), with a family of five children, settled in what is now North Shenango Township, this county, in 1800, locating on the farm now divided and owned by Joseph and Joseph A. Linn. The children of Alexander and Hannah Linn were—John, Polly, Euphemie, Andrew, George and Joseph. Andrew married Theadate, daughter of Ezra

and Dorothy (Sanborn) Buell, of Kinsman Township, Trumbull Co., Ohio, by whom he had nine children: Nathan S.; Minerva, now Mrs. Jacob Martin; Ezra B.; Sarah L., now Mrs. Jacob Frey; Hannah, now Mrs. John T. Hitchcock; Elizabeth, now Mrs. J. R. Andrews; Joseph; Maryette, deceased, and Andrew S., deceased. The subject of this sketch was reared in North Shenango Township, where he has always resided, and was educated in the common schools. He was married October 23, 1844, to Rachel, daughter of Aaron H. and Sisson (Fowler) Herriott, and grand-daughter of Sidney Herriott, who settled in North Shenango Township in 1799. By this union there were six children: Cyrus H., Aaron H. (deceased), George A. (deceased), Milton H. (deceased), Charles H. (deceased), and Julian K. Mr. Linn has lived since the spring of 1845 on the farm where he now resides, all of which he has cleared and improved. Both he and his wife are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church. Our subject has served the township as Justice of the Peace two terms; in politics he is a Republican.

REV. KOSCIUSKO McARTHUR, farmer, surveyor and minister, P. O. Espyville, was born November 10, 1812, in South Shenango Township, this county, son of John and Abigail (Allen) McArthur; a native of Ireland, he came to South Shenango Township in November, 1804, and within a year or two afterward located on the farm now owned by his son, the Rev. John J. McArthur, Methodist. This farm he cleared and improved and lived on it until his death, November 10, 1843. He was a good scholar, a man of extensive information, and had a valuable collection of books. Abigail, his wife, born August 21, 1785, was a native of New Jersey, and a daughter of Moses and Sarah Allen, one of the first settlers of South Shenango Township; she died June 13, 1862. Mr. and Mrs. John McArthur had eleven children, viz.: Kosciusko; Rebecca (Mrs. James Free), born January 21, 1814; Joseph, born May 16, 1815, died December 31, 1860; John J., born January 21, 1817; Moses S., M. D., born April 10, 1819, died November 2, 1876; Jane, now Mrs. Elijah Colins, born February 16, 1821; William, born July 25, 1823, died December 5, 1880; Sarah, born October 5, 1825, died December 10, 1876; Margaret, born November 8, 1827, lived only six weeks; Andrew, born January 21, 1829, and Jeremiah P., born January 21, 1831. The subject of this sketch was reared and educated in South Shenango and in North Shenango Townships, studied Latin, Greek, Hebrew, French and surveying without the aid of a teacher, and was ordained at Girard, Erie Co., Penn., June 21, 1855. Began the practice of surveying in 1848. He was married September 2, 1834, to Miss Jennette, daughter of Thomas and Mary (Gamble) Elliott, of South Shenango Township, and by this union were born four children: Mary, now Mrs. William J. Dickey; John R.; Abigail, now Mrs. Thomas McAdoo, and Caroline, now Mrs. William Dennington. K. McArthur has lived on the farm on which he now resides, in North Shenango, since his marriage. Jennette, his wife, was born February 8, 1811, died August 13, 1872. He has practiced surveying since 1848, in connection with the farm and the ministry. In religious belief he is a Universalist, with which denomination, as a minister, he has been connected since 1855. He is a member of the Masonic fraternity. Held the office of County Auditor three years; was at different times School Director, and taught school in the winters from 1834 to 1869. In politics he is a Democrat and a strong advocate of temperance.

ROBERT S. McKAY, farmer, P. O. Espyville, was born in Randolph Township, this county, May 30, 1824, son of Joseph and Mary (Gilliland) McKay, who settled in Randolph Township, this county, about 1814, locating on the farm now owned and occupied by Neal McKay, and which they cleared

and improved. Joseph, who was a son of Neal McKay, a native of Scotland, an early settler of Randolph Township and later of Waterford, Erie Co., Penn., died in 1827; his wife was a daughter of Hugh Gilliland, formerly of Fayette County, and an early settler of Conneaut Township, this county. Mr. and Mrs. Joseph McKay had seven children: Hugh G.; Neal; Nancy, deceased; James, deceased; Eliza, deceased; Robert S.; Angeline, deceased. Our subject was reared in Randolph Township, this county, until thirteen years of age, when he was thrown on his own resources. For one year he worked in a tan-yard, and then in a carding-mill in Conneaut Township, this county, until twenty-six years of age. In 1848 he settled in North Shenango Township, on his present farm, part of which he cleared and fenced, and on which he made all the improvements in buildings, etc. He was married September 16, 1845, to Susan, daughter of John and Catherine (Brown) Garrison, of Pine Township, this county, by whom he had seven children: Helen J., now Mrs. H. Fonner; John S., Joseph O., Kate A., Myrtie E., Boyd and Nell G. Mr. and Mrs. McKay are members of the United Presbyterian Church, with which they have been connected since 1859, and in which he is an Elder. Our subject was appointed Mercantile Appraiser by the County Commissioners in 1862, serving in that capacity one year; he has held nearly all the offices in the gift of the township. In politics he is a stanch Republican; a strong advocate of prohibition.

JOSEPH McNUTT, farmer, P. O. Linesville, was born in County Donegal, Ireland, October 17, 1826, son of David and Elizabeth (Burns) McNutt, who immigrated to America in 1832, and purchased a farm where the city of Buffalo now stands, and where they resided two years. In 1834 they came to this county and lived on a rented farm in South Shenango Township one season, and then removed to what is now Summit Township, and purchased a farm of 100 acres, which they cleared and improved; there they lived and died. They had seven children: Hannah, now Mrs. Samuel Morrow; James, deceased; William; Jane, now Mrs. James Hays; Elizabeth, deceased; Joseph; and Mary A., deceased. The subject of this sketch resided in Summit Township from 1834 until his settlement, in 1866, on his present farm (part of which he has improved) in North Shenango Township. He was married December 5, 1851, to Anna J., daughter of William and Mary (Thompson) Caldwell, of County Antrim, Ireland. The issue of this union was six children: John B., Emma, William C. (deceased), Albert E., Mary (deceased) and Francis. Mr. and Mrs. McNutt are members of the United Presbyterian Church of North Shenango, in which he has been an Elder for several years. He has held nearly all the offices in the gift of his township. In politics he is a Democrat.

E. P. MERRITT, farmer and Justice of the Peace, P. O. Espyville, was born in Chautauqua County, N. Y., August 24, 1832, son of James and Anna (Miller) Merritt, natives of Chautauqua County, N. Y., who settled in Conneaut Township, this county, in 1833, where they cleared and improved a farm and lived until the father died, June 5, 1855. The mother, who is now living with her children, was ninety years old April 24, 1884. They were parents of ten children: William, Ransom, Jane (now Mrs. William Runnells), Thaddeus, Perses (now Mrs. Lukecook), Enos, Elsa A. (deceased), Eliphalet P., Melinda (deceased) and Margaret (late Mrs. Samuel Winings, deceased). Our subject was reared in Conneaut Township, this county, and educated in the common schools and the Kingsville and Austinburg Academies. He was married September 15, 1861, to Laura A., daughter of Charles and Cena (Delamater) Lester, of Richmond Township, this county, and grand-daughter of Benjamin Delamater, formerly of Whitehall, Washington Co., N. Y., at Hatch Hill,

about four miles from the village. By this union there were two children: James and Edie, both deceased. Mr. Merritt resided in Conneaut Township until 1863; was a resident eight years of Richmond Township, Ashtabula Co., Ohio, where he carried on a general store, and was Postmaster for two years. During three years of his residence there he was Deputy Sheriff under Sheriff Scoville. Mr. Merritt was a soldier of the war of the Rebellion, a private in Capt. Cromell's Company G, One Hundred and Fifth Regiment Ohio Volunteer Infantry; was taken prisoner of war and paroled. His parole ticket reads as follows: "Headquarters Army of Kentucky. Lexington, September 5, 1862. I, E. P. Merritt, One Hundred and Fifth Ohio, Company G., a prisoner of war, captured by the Confederate forces under Maj.-Gen. S. Kirby Smith, having this day paroled, do solemnly swear that I will not take up arms against the Confederate States of America until duly exchanged, and that I will not communicate any military information to the enemies of the Confederate States, which I may obtain while in their lines. The penalty for the violation of this parole is death. (Official) N. T. Roberts, Captain and Provost Marshal." He was honorably discharged from the service of the United States the 22d day of April, 1863, at Columbus, Ohio. April 1, 1871, he located in North Shenango Township, this county, where he has been principally engaged in farming, buying hides, pelts, furs, etc. He was elected Justice of the Peace for the township in 1881; in politics he is a stanch Republican.

WILLIAM PATTERSON, farmer, P. O. Hartstown, was born in Allegheny County, Penn., April 4, 1814, son of William and Sarah (Stewart) Patterson, who settled in North Shenango Township, this county, in 1832. They located on the farm now owned by Thomas Patterson, part of which they cleared and improved, and there lived and died. The paternal grandfather of our subject was James Patterson, and his maternal grandfather was John Stewart, an early settler of North Shenango Township, and who later removed to South Shenango Township, where he died. He was a soldier of the Revolution, enlisting when but seventeen years of age; was taken prisoner and kept in confinement till the close of the war, six months on board ship; during his incarceration, he averred, he was fed on ground glass, and he always after held everything British in utmost contempt. When released he was so weak from ill treatment that he could hardly stand. He was paid in Continental money, which was good for nothing. Mr. and Mrs. Patterson, Sr., had nine children: John, James (deceased), William, Thomas, Nancy (now Mrs. Joseph Henry), Mary K. (deceased), Joseph Stewart (deceased), Elijah Finney (deceased), and an infant (deceased). The subject of this sketch settled in 1845 on the farm where he now resides, all of which he has cleared and improved. He was married January 9, 1845, to Eleanor A., daughter of Hugh and Nancy (McWilliams) Blair, of North Shenango Township, this county, by whom he had three children: Nancy L., William O. and Hugh L., all deceased within two weeks, in 1853, of typhoid dysentery. Mr. Patterson and wife are members of the United Presbyterian Church of Hartstown, in which he has been an Elder upward of thirty years. In the days of the militia he was Captain in Republican Green's Volunteer Company. In politics he is a Democrat.

JOHN W. SIMONS, farmer and stock-dealer, P. O. Espyville, was born in Bedford County, Penn., February 19, 1827, son of John and Rebecca (Williams) Simons, both natives of Bedford County, Penn., who removed to Columbiana County, Ohio, in 1828, and in 1833 located in Ashtabula County, Ohio, and there lived and died. The subject of this sketch located in North

Shenango Township, this county, in 1862 on the farm where he now resides, and which he purchased of his father-in-law, Joseph Robinson, who settled there in 1837, and cleared and improved it; he was formerly from Wethersfield, N. Y.; his wife was Abigail Strong, of the same place. They had eight children: Palmyra (deceased), Warren, Charles, Nelson (deceased), George (deceased), James (deceased), Adelia and George. Our subject was married to Adelia Robinson, June 22, 1854, by whom he has four children: Mary E., Charles M., Minnie A. and Joseph. Mr. Simons has been engaged in buying and selling stock for many years. Both he and his wife are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church. He is a F. & A. M., a member of the A. O. U. W. and the E. A. U. In politics he is a Democrat.

JAMES STEWART, farmer, P. O. Linesville, was born in North Shenango Township, this county, on the farm where he now resides, December 4, 1830, son of John and Sarah (Wilson) Stewart, who settled in North Shenango Township about 1828, locating on the farm now owned and occupied by our subject, and part of which they cleared and improved. John was a son of John and Mary (Robertson) Stewart, former a native of Paxton Township, Dauphin Co., Penn. At the breaking out of the war of the Revolution he enlisted in the Continental Army at the age of seventeen; was captured by the British seven days after, and kept a prisoner until the close of the war. He settled in North Shenango Township, this county, with his son John, where he resided until his death. The maternal grandfather of our subject was Hugh Wilson, who was among the early settlers of North Shenango Township. He was a son of Hugh Wilson, and both were natives of Lancaster County, Penn. The children of John and Sarah (Wilson) Stewart numbered ten: James, Hannah (now Mrs. J. H. Freeman), Hugh R., John, Mary (now Mrs. W. P. Bennett), Sarah, Allen W., William P., Andrew T. and Miranda E. (now Mrs. M. Trace). The subject of this sketch was reared in North Shenango Township, this county; received a limited education in the common schools and has always resided on the old homestead. He was married February 27, 1861, to Elizabeth A., daughter of James and Sarah (Fletcher) Blair, of West Fallowfield Township, this county. By this union there are two children: Clement E. and Fred. Mr. Stewart was Postmaster of Stewartsville for sixteen years. In politics he is a Democrat.

NATHAN W. WOLVERTON, farmer, P. O. Espyville, was born in Warren County, N. J., February 3, 1824, and is a son of Peter and Anna (Quick) Wolverton, both natives of New Jersey and of Holland descent. When twelve years of age our subject moved to Trumbull County, Ohio, with his mother. In 1854 he settled in North Shenango Township, this county, on the farm where he now resides and on which he has made all the improvements. He was married April 6, 1854, to Melissa E., daughter of Charles and Sarah J. (Deforest) Campbell, of North Shenango Township, this county, by whom he has had five children: Calvin K., Hiram E., Charles C. (deceased), Sarah J., and Ralph T. He and his family are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, in which he has been Steward upward of twenty-five years. He is a representative farmer and worthy citizen; has held several offices in the gift of the township; in politics he is a Republican.

OIL CREEK TOWNSHIP.

ELISHA ARCHER, farmer, P. O. Hydetown, was born February 23, 1835, in Plum Township, Venango Co., Penn. His parents, John G. and Susanna (Wilson) Archer, settled in Troy Township, this county, in 1857, and there cleared up and improved a fine farm of 120 acres, where they resided until their deaths; former died in 1870, latter in 1869. They were upright, industrious people and won the highest respect of all who knew them. Mr. Archer was a helpless cripple from the effects of rheumatism during the last thirty years of his life. Their children were William; John (deceased); Alvin (deceased); Elisha; James, of Troy Township, this county; Samuel, of Venango County, Penn.; Robert, a soldier in the Fourteenth Regiment United States Infantry, who died October 9, 1862, at Little York, Penn., and George. Our subject was very kind in his care and attention to his aged parents. He married Miss Rebecca Proper, of Venango County, September 22, 1859, and they then settled where they now live. Here by industry they have acquired and improved a good home of eighty-five acres adjoining Hydetown Borough. Their children were Ida, Lizzie, Elmer (deceased), Clarinda, Hattie (deceased), and Ernest. Mr. Archer has served his township in various positions; is at present Collector of Taxes. He and his worthy wife are Methodists. In politics he is a Republican.

GEORGE C. BARTLETT, farmer, P. O. Hydetown, was born October 4, 1825, in Oneida County, N. Y. His parents, Horace and Clarissa (Seward) Bartlett, natives of New Haven County, Conn., passed their active life in Oneida County, N. Y., where the latter died in 1851. Horace Bartlett died in 1881, while residing with his son here. He was respected and beloved by all who knew him for his many noble qualities. Our subject, in September, 1851, married Miss Mary A. Denison, of Essex, Conn., born November 5, 1824, daughter of Robert Fordyce and Fannie Maria (Griswold) Denison. To this union have been born four children: Helen M., wife of B. F. Edwards, of Titusville; Mary G., wife of William Edwards, of Titusville; George F. and Carrie D. After living on a farm in Oneida County ten years, they came to Titusville, this county, in 1861, and there Mr. Bartlett engaged in developing oil territory and refining oil, being proprietor of the Sunshine Oil Works. In 1876 he purchased his present farm of 300 acres, in the Borough of Hydetown, and located here in 1878, retiring permanently from the oil business. Mr. and Mrs. Bartlett and their entire family are consistent members of the Presbyterian Church in Titusville. Mr. Bartlett was largely instrumental in the successful establishment of the church and the building of their present handsome church edifice. They also take a deep interest in the cause of education, and have given their children good advantages.

GARRETT A. CONOVER, mason and carpenter, P. O. Titusville, was born December 2, 1828, in Essex County, N. J. His parents, David and Sallie (Everett) Conover, of New Jersey, came to Oil Creek Township, this county, in 1832, where the latter died in 1835, after which Mr. Conover returned to New Jersey, where he now lives. Our subject remained in this county with his uncle, William Kerr, and here he married, December 4, 1851, Miss Mary Ann McLaughlin, born January 14, 1835, at Kerr's Hill. Her grandfather,

James McLaughlin, a native of Ireland, settled in Rome Township, this county, in 1800, and there died at the age of one hundred and four years. Her father, John McLaughlin, married Susan Kerr. They settled at Kerr's Hill, where they resided until their deaths. Our subject and wife then settled at Kerr's Hill, where Mr. Conover has ever since followed his occupation as carpenter and joiner and stone mason. Their children are—Mrs. Susan E. Mars, Samuel M., Mrs. Ida Crawford, Howard, Hattie J., Willie and Garrie B. Mr. Conover has served his township in almost all the offices, holding several from two to four terms each, and has always discharged his duties faithfully, and to the entire satisfaction of the people. He and his worthy wife are consistent members of the Presbyterian Church, in which he has for many years been an Elder. In politics he is a Republican.

JAMES W. CRAWFORD, miller, P. O. Titusville, was born November 20, 1829, in that part of Trumbull County, Ohio, now known as Mahoning County. His parents, William and Ann (Wilson) Crawford, both died there in 1881, aged ninety-two and eighty-six years respectively. Our subject married Miss Sylvina Dunlap, October 13, 1852, and to this union were born seven children: Thalia, Mrs. Celicia Alcom, Mrs. Lucy Ann Tefft, Gemella, James Albert, Benton and Mabel. He followed the carpenter's trade most of his life; moved to Oil Creek Township, this county, in 1870. In 1884 he became a partner in the Roseburg Mills. Mr. and Mrs. Crawford are consistent members of the United Presbyterian Church. In politics he is an earnest Prohibitionist.

JOHN GILSON (deceased) was a native of Maryland, and was brought up in Bedford County, Penn. His father, William Gilson, a native of England, was an American soldier in the Revolution. He married Alice Shirley, and they and their nine children settled in Oil Creek Township, this county, where Mr. Gilson, Sr., died in 1807. His widow died in 1844 in her ninety-sixth year. Our subject started on foot from Bedford County, Penn., for the lake region in 1799. He reached Oil Creek in December, and was crippled while cutting down a tree to cross the swollen stream near Centreville. This laid him up through the winter, and determined his course in staying. Returning in the spring to Bedford County, he married Anna Bell, and they came here on foot, settling permanently in 1800. They took up six tracts of land and retained one of 400 acres for themselves. They lived the lives of upright pioneers, and left an honorable name to posterity. Of their thirteen children, six are now living, viz.: Charles B., Thomas, Richard B., Mrs. Elizabeth Early, Mrs. Ann Navy, and John B.

THOMAS GILSON, farmer, P. O. Titusville, was born July 4, 1811. He married Miss Elizabeth C. McLaughlin, September 21, 1848. They then settled on their farm and began clearing and improving it. Their children are Mrs. Lucy Ann Reynolds, Mrs. Hannah J. Reynolds, Mrs. Marietta Goodrich, and Mrs. Delilah Wheattall. Mr. Gilson is an earnest and life-long Democrat.

CHARLES B. GILSON, farmer and mechanic, P. O. Titusville, was born March 29, 1807, in Oil Creek Township, this county. While a young man he learned the trade of carpenter and joiner under T. H. Hoskins, working in Forest, Crawford, Erie, Venango and other counties adjoining. He married Miss Marietta Moore, of Venango County, December 1, 1836. After living in Titusville some years (their property being where the Oil Exchange now stands), they moved to their present place in the township, where they have ever since resided. Their children are Edward L., Mrs. Priscilla Shaw (deceased), Samuel, Mrs. Melissa Jane Stackpole, Leonard, and Dr. Willis O., of Spring Creek Station, Warren Co., Penn. Mr. Gilson has done a great deal

of work through this country as a millwright, being known as a first-class mechanic and always commanding the highest positions. He is a Greenbacker; formerly a Democrat; voted first for Andrew Jackson.

JOHN B. GILSON, farmer, P. O. Titusville, was born September 6, 1825, on the farm where he now resides, in Oil Creek Township, this county; son of John and Anna (Bell) Gilson (see sketch of John Gilson). He married, December 25, 1853, Miss Nancy Early, of Rome Township, this county, a native of Vermont, born December 20, 1837, daughter of James and Hannah (Bradford) Early, early settlers of Rome Township. To this union were born three children: Mrs. Ida Victoria Kerr, Willard J. and Cyrus J. They also brought up Charles James Early, son of Thomas Early (deceased). After their marriage our subject and wife took care of Mr. and Mrs. John Gilson (our subject's parents) until their deaths, and they now occupy the old homestead. By industry and good management they have added to it until they now own a farm of 175 acres of well-improved land; besides ninety acres they have recently bought. In politics Mr. Gilson is a Democrat.

WILLIAM KELLY (deceased) was a native of County Derry, Ireland, and came to America in 1819, settling in Oil Creek Township, this county, in 1823. He married Miss Mary McIntyre in 1822. She was born in this township in December, 1802. Her parents, John and Hannah McIntyre, were natives of Ireland, and came here from Mifflin County, Penn., in 1798. After their marriage Mr. and Mrs. Kelly settled on the farm near Titusville, Penn. Their children are—John, in Erie, Penn.; James, in Rome Township, this county; Hannah; Oliver; Mary; Mrs. Susan Newton, in Fredonia, N. Y.; and Mrs. Isabel Gee. This family has contributed quite largely to the ranks of the profession of teaching, as all except Oliver have been engaged in that occupation. Mr. Kelly died February 4, 1861. His widow now resides on the family homestead with her daughters, Hannah and Mary, and son, Oliver.

ANDREW KERR, retired farmer, P. O. Titusville, was born April 8,1807, in Oil Creek Township, this county. His father, James Kerr, a native of Ireland, came to America at ten years of age. He married Miss Margery Alcom, also a native of Ireland. They moved from Frankstown, Penn., to Oil Creek Township about 1800. James Kerr died in 1842; his widow in 1866, aged eighty-six. They were noble pioneers and rendered valuable service in the settlement of this county. Our subject married Anna Shelmadine in 1836. She died in 1841, leaving four children: John Wesley; James Henry, a soldier of the Fifty-seventh Regiment Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, killed at the battle of Fair Oaks, Va.; William Jasper and Mrs. Anna Kitlinger. Mr. Kerr next married, in 1843, Anna Baldwin, a native of Oil Creek Township, this county, born in 1825, daughter of Daniel and Roxanna Baldwin. Their children were—Hannah (deceased), Mrs. Juline Bates, Mrs. Perrilla Hummer, Daniel West, Mrs. Emma Carroll, Andrew T. (deceased), Mrs. Mary L. Sodiman and Cassius. Mr. Kerr has divided his land liberally among his sons, and has still 200 acres of fine land left. In his quiet old age he is deprived entirely of his eye-sight. He and his worthy wife are members of the United Brethren Church. In politics he is a stanch Republican.

ANDREW A. KERR, farmer, P. O. Gresham, was born in August, 1812, in Oil Creek Township, this county. His parents, Andrew and Nancy (Mars) Kerr, natives of Ireland, came from Lancaster County, Penn., in 1801. Here they endured the hardships incident to pioneer life, and cleared up and developed a farm. Their children were—Jane, Mrs. Margaret McGinnett, Mary Ann, Samuel, Mrs. Nancy Root, William, Mrs. Sarah Ashton, Mrs. Susan McGlaughlin and Andrew A., all deceased except William and Andrew A. Our

subject married Miss Mary Mars, of Mercer County, Penn., January 14, 1840, and they then settled where they now live, and developed a comfortable home. Their children were--William, of Crawford County; Andrew, Jr., of Vinton, Benton Co., Iowa; Mrs. Nancy Mars; Mrs. Mary Jane Mack, of Indiana County, Penn.; Isabel, (deceased); James A. (deceased); Susan and Samuel B. Mrs. Kerr died March 8, 1867. She was an earnest Christian, and her loss was mourned by a large circle of friends. Mr. Kerr and his entire family are consistent members of the United Presbyterian Church, and he has been a member of its session since he united with that denomination in 1859. He is an enthusiastic Prohibitionist; one of the worthy and representative citizens of Oil Creek Township.

SILAS KERR, farmer and lumberman, P. O. Titusville, was born April 9, 1824, in Oil Creek Township, this county. His father, David Kerr, whose parents emigrated from County Tyrone, Ireland, was born in Frankstown, Penn., and came to this county soon after with his parents. Here, having lived the life of a pioneer's son in the new county, he married Miss Esther Shelmadine. He died in 1833, leaving five children: Silas, Mrs. Jane Tubbs, Mary (deceased), Robert R., and Mrs. Susan Tubbs (deceased). Mrs. Kerr died June 6, 1874. Our subject married Miss Mary Tubbs, July 1, 1847, and they have remained in Oil Creek Township, this county, ever since, with the exception of a few years spent lumbering in adjoining townships in Warren County. In about 1871 they located on their present farm. To Mr. and Mrs. Kerr have been born eight children: Mrs. Esther A. Whitford, Mrs. Lina Fish (deceased), David T., Mrs. Mary Perkins, Gary, and Ina, and two infants (deceased). Mr. Kerr now owns property to the amount of 900 acres besides extensive lumber mill interests. In politics he is a Democrat.

JAMES M. KERR, miller, P. O. Titusville, was born December 26, 1844, in Oil Creek Township, this county; son of David Kerr. He married Miss Fannie M. Homer, of Rome Township, this county, in May, 1871. She died August 22, 1878, leaving one daughter—Lena M. Mr. Kerr afterward married Miss Eva L. Brooks, January 1, 1880. She was born in Warren County, Penn., and is a daughter of Henry Brooks. They have two children: Edna M. and Lina. Our subject has been engaged in farming most of his life. In the spring of 1878 he and his two brothers, Lynn H. and La Fayette J., purchased the old Thompson mill site on Thompson Run in Oil Creek Township, this county, and built a large flour and general custom mill with three run of buhrs. In 1881 our subject purchased his brothers interest and has since been carrying on the business on his own account. He has succeeded in making an excellent reputation for the mill and is building up a large custom. Mr. Kerr has served his township as Supervisor and School Director, positions he is now holding. He is a man of first-class business principles. In politics is a Republican.

ALBERT B. KERR, miller and millwright, P. O. Titusville, was born August 16, 1855, in Kerr's Hill, Oil Creek Township, this county. His father, William Kerr, one of the oldest pioneers of the township, and a son of Andrew Kerr, is also a native of this township. Here he married Miss Catherine Conover, and settled where he now lives. Their children are—Mrs. Sarah Ann St. Clair, of Iowa, Andrew M., George C., Garrett B., William H., John N., Mrs. Ophelia Alcorn, of Iowa, and Albert B. Mrs. Kerr died in 1877. Mr. Kerr survives her at the advanced age of eighty-two and is one of the most highly respected citizens of the township. Albert B. married Miss Maggie J. Mack, April 20, 1881. They have two sons: Arthur N. and Stanley A. In February, 1884, a partnership was formed consisting of Albert B. Kerr, Garrett B. Kerr, Hugh Jamison and James W. Crawford, for the purpose of carrying on a

mill near Titusville on the Buffalo, New York & Philadelphia Railroad. They erected a new building and fitted it up with machinery. The mill was opened in May, and by strict attention to business principles they are building up a large and flourishing custom. Mr. and Mrs. Kerr are consistent members of the Presbyterian Church. He is an earnest supporter of the Prohibition party, and at the County Convention in April, 1884, was nominated as their candidate for Prothonotary. Garrett B. Kerr was born July 4, 1844, and married Miss Emma Kerr, April 30, 1871. Their children are—Lydia L., Frederick C. and Kate.

ROBERT LEWIS, farmer, P. O. Titusville, was born July 18, 1813, in Oil Creek Township, this county. His grandparents, John and Elizabeth Lewis, of Ireland, came to this county in about 1800, and after living here several years moved to Cincinnati, Ohio. Their son, Robert, remained here and married Miss Jane Curry, daughter of one of the early pioneers of this township. He died in January, 1813, and his only son Robert (our subject) was born in July following. Mrs. Lewis afterward married William Wilson, of Venango County. Our subject married Miss Sallie Breed, March 14, 1839. They then settled where they now reside, and here by industry and good management they have acquired a fine farm of 100 acres of well-improved land. Their children were—Mary, William W., Charles Harvey (deceased), John H., and Freelie M. Mr. and Mrs. Lewis are consistent members of the Presbyterian Church. He is a man of upright integrity and a citizen of recognized influence in the community. In politics a life-long Democrat.

BENJAMIN MARS, farmer, P. O. Gresham, was born June 5, 1822, in Lawrence County, Penn. His father, William Mars, a native of Ireland, immigrated to America while a young man, and after living some time in Frankstown, Penn., finally settled in Lawrence County with his brothers and sisters, in about 1802, and there he married Miss Nancy Alexander. They developed a fine farm, now owned by their son John J. Mr. Mars was a soldier in the war of 1812. Our subject, who is the third of their four sons, came to this township in 1844 and followed his trade as carpenter and developed his farm. Here he married, March 10, 1846, Miss Isabel McGinnett, who died February 17, 1852, leaving two sons: William, deceased January 4, 1882, and John Alexander, deceased November 28, 1855. Mr. Mars afterward married, October 19, 1854, Miss Rebecca Breed, daughter of John Breed, a native of Connecticut, and settler of Venango County. Their children were—John Andrew, Mary Edith (deceased January 22, 1866), and Adelaide. Mr. and Mrs. Mars are consistent members of the United Presbyterian Church. By industry and good management he has acquired a comfortable and pleasant home. Mr. Mars is one of the leading and representative farmers of Oil Creek Township. In politics he is a life-long Republican.

CAPT. ALANSON H. NELSON, Justice of the Peace, Hydetown, was born April 22, 1828, in Tompkins County, N. Y., and moved to Chautauqua County, same State, at four years of age. His father, William Nelson, enlisted in the Regular Army and was killed in the Seminole war. Our subject came to Oil Creek Township, this county, at seventeen years of age, and spent about nine years lumbering. He married Miss Electa Strong, of Chautauqua County, N. Y., November 8, 1849. In 1855 he sold out his interest in the lumbering mill and bought a farm near the eastern border of this township. Our subject enlisted August 1, 1861, in the Fifty-seventh Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, leaving his wife and seven small children. He, with Capt. Chase, organized Company K, to the number of thirty men, by whom he was elected First Lieutenant. When they reached Harrisburg, Penn., he was

chosen to return and make up the remainder of the company, which he did, enlisting fifty-five more men. The company was assigned to the Army of the Potomac. At the death of Capt. Chase our subject was promoted to the command, June 17, 1862. He led his company through seventeen of the hard-fought and historic battles of the Virginia campaigns. In the absence of the field officers Capt. Nelson, being the senior Captain, took command of the regiment for a period of eighteen months. He received his discharge in November, 1864, leaving an honorable record as a brave and faithful soldier. Since returning home he has devoted himself as actively to the pursuits of civil life and the care of his family. Mr. Nelson was one of the organizers of the Republican party in this county, but in 1872 he joined the Liberals and voted for Horace Greeley, and in 1874 he joined and commenced the active work of organizing the Greenback party. He was elected Justice of the Peace in February, 1882, in Hydetown Borough, where he was located in April, 1881. He has served in the same office two terms in Oil Creek Township. Seven of Capt. Nelson's nine children are now living, viz.: William, in Smith County. Kan.; Mrs. Norah Keefer, Hornellsville, N. Y.; Mrs. Lucy Jones; John; Dr. Charles E.; Mary and Frank.

JOHN PASTORIUS, farmer, P. O. Titusville, was born November 9, 1828, in Centre County, Penn. His father, Abram Pastorius, married Martha Boal. He made a trip to this county as early as 1801, on a visit to his two elder brothers, who were early settlers here. He went back and brought a yoke of oxen for his brothers' use on the farm, and returned to Centre County on foot. His ancestors, referred to in Whittier's poems, were among the first settlers of Germantown, Penn. Abram Pastorius and his wife, Martha, settled in Oil Creek Township, this county, in 1838. Of their six children, four are now living: William, James, Mrs. Jane Robison and John. Mrs. Pastorius died in 1843, Mr. Pastorius in 1871, aged eighty-four years. Our subject, after obtaining a common school education, took a short course in Allegheny College. He married Catherine J. Peebles, June 21, 1855. She was born in Juniata County, Penn., in 1835, and was brought to this county in 1837 by her parents, James and Margaret Peebles. Their children are—Mrs. Martha J. Lewis, Margaret O. and James B. Our subject and wife have given their son a good farm as a start in life, and have still a fine farm of 160 acres left. Mr. Pastorius has served the township in most of its offices, always fulfilling his duties faithfully and to the satisfaction of the people. He is a man of strict integrity, and is highly respected by the entire community. In politics he is a Democrat.

JOHN SWANSON, miller, Hydetown, is a native of Jankoping, Sweden, born April 12, 1834, and with his wife came to America in 1871, locating in Titusville, this county. Here, while learning our language and customs, he worked at the carpenter's trade for two years. Having acquired the trade of miller in his native country, he rented Thompson's Mill in Oil Creek Township, this county, which he operated for about five years. In 1880 he, in partnership with P. A. Forsblom, of Titusville, purchased a mill site of Charles Hyde, and erected the Hydetown Mills. This they have fitted up with first-class machinery, costing them in all upward of $12,000. Mr. Swanson has personal charge of the mills. By his excellent work and polite treatment of his patrons he has built up a good reputation for the mills, and a large custom. January 18, 1858, he was married to Elizabeth Munson, by whom he has two children: William and Emily. The family belongs to the Swedish Lutheran Church, Titusville. Mr. Swanson is a business man of strict integrity, and as a citizen is respected by the entire community.

PINE TOWNSHIP.

SILAS C. BISHOP, farmer, P. O. Linesville, was born in Pine Township, this county, April 3, 1819, and is a son of Abram and Phebe (Maxwell) Bishop, who came from New Jersey, and located in this county about 1812; about 1816–17 they settled on the farm now owned by Rufus Bishop, which they cleared and improved, and there lived and died. They reared a large family, ten of whom grew to maturity: William F. (deceased), Eliza A. (deceased), Stephen M., John M., Francis, Silas C., Daniel, Rufus, Ephraim and Maria. The subject of this sketch has always resided in Pine Township; was married December 22, 1838, to Rachel, daughter of William Meeker, of this township, by whom he has four children: Sylvester; Clarissa, Mrs. James Garwood; Caroline, Mrs. Alfred Red; and Evaline, Mrs. Dillon P. Bright. Mr. Bishop has resided on his present farm about thirty-eight years, and has made all the improvements. He has held various offices in the township. In politics he has always been a Republican, and a strict advocate of temperance principles.

RUFUS BISHOP, farmer, P. O. Linesville, was born in what is now Pine Township, this county, February 8, 1824, and is a son of Abram and Phebe (Maxwell) Bishop, natives of New Jersey, and among the first settlers of Conneaut Township, and later of Pine Township, this county, where they cleared and improved the farm now owned and occupied by our subject. Abram was a son of James and Susan Bishop, of New Jersey, and early settlers in what is now Summit Township, this county. Mr. and Mrs. Abram Bishop had thirteen children, of whom eight are now living. The subject of this sketch has always resided on the old homestead. He was married January 24, 1850, to Julia Ann, daughter of John and Anna (Hill) Garwood, of Sadsbury Township, this county. The issue of this union was five children: Sarah A. (Mrs. George Souders), Martin (deceased), Calvin L., Melissa J. and Martha E. Mr. Bishop has held several township offices. In politics he is a Republican.

WILLIAM C. BURT, farmer, P. O. Linesville, was born in Fowler, Trumbull Co., Ohio, April 8, 1831; son of Alva and Cornelia (Colts) Burt, natives of Genesee County, N. Y., and who were among the pioneers of Trumbull County. Our subject was reared in Ashtabula County, and received a limited education in the common schools of Andover, that county. At the age of sixteen years he went on the lakes, and followed sailing one year, and at the age of seventeen purchased a farm of sixty acres in Richmond Township, Ashtabula Co., Ohio, which he paid for in six years, working at month's wages. When twenty years of age he commenced lumbering in different sections of the country, which he followed up to 1866 for others, and then located in Pine Township, this county, purchased the farm where he now resides and embarked in the lumber business for himself, which he followed ten years. Since 1876 he has been principally engaged in farming. He cleared and improved his farm himself, lost a fine residence by fire in 1875 and rebuilt in 1876. His farm comprises 120 acres, about 100 of which are improved. Our subject was married in 1855, to Augusta, daughter of Alonzo and Priscilla (Prescott) Moulton, of Conneautville. His wife is a native of Maine. They have one child—Dorcas. Mr. Burt is an A. Y. M. He has held several offices in the gift of the township. In politics he is independent.

WILLIAM E. DENNIS, farmer, P. O. Linesville, was born in Pine Township, this county, December 31, 1844; son of Aaron and Betsy (Meeker) Dennis. His father came from the eastern part of the State and located in Pine Township about 1834. His mother was a daughter of William Meeker, who settled in Pine Township in 1819, and with three brothers—Moses, John and Joseph—located on the farm a part of which is now owned by John Gaffney, where they manufactured brick for several years. William Meeker later settled on the farm now occupied by the widow of his son, Smith Meeker, and lived there until his death. Aaron Dennis, the father of our subject, was twice married. His first wife was Betsy Meeker, by whom he had eleven children: William E., S. P., Polly J. (Mrs. James Culver), Almira (Mrs. Andrew Jackson), C. C., A. T., Emily (Mrs. George Adsit), Mary (Mrs. S. E. Clark), Harriet (Mrs. D. A. Herring), John and Carrie. His second wife was Mrs. Lucy (Flick) Wrightnour, by whom he had four children: Nancy (Mrs. Charles D. Brown), Jonah, Charlie and Maggie. The subject of this sketch was reared in Pine Township and received a limited education in the common schools. He served in the late war of the Rebellion, being drafted for nine months, and went with Company K, One Hundred and Sixty-ninth Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry; was on guard duty most of the time, and was honorably discharged at the expiration of his term. He was married September 30, 1873, to Lucy, daughter of John and Amanda (Smith) Rea, of Pine Township, this county. He located on the farm where he now resides in 1870, most of which he cleared and stumped himself and made all improvements in buildings, etc., and has now one of the best producing farms in the township. Both he and his wife are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church. He is a member of the G. A. R.; has always been a Republican in politics and a strong advocate of prohibition.

JACOB FREY, farmer, P. O. Linesville, was born in Conneaut Township, this county, September 18, 1806, and is a son of Henry and Barbara (Baumgartner) Frey, both natives of Lancaster County, and of German descent, who settled in this county in 1800, locating in Conneaut Township, where they cleared and improved a farm and there lived and died. They had sixteen children: Catherine, John, Betsey, Polly, Barbara, Nancy, Martha, David, Joseph, Samuel, Jacob, Henry, Enoch, George, Simeon and an infant, all deceased but Samuel, Jacob, George and Simeon. The subject of this sketch was reared in Conneaut Township, this county, and resided here up to 1867, when he purchased the farm in Pine Township where he now resides, a part of which he has improved. The farm comprises 200 acres, about sixty of which are under good cultivation. The subject of this sketch has been twice married. His first wife was Rebecca, daughter of Samuel and Susan (Payton) Gilliland, of Conneaut Township, this county, by whom he had five children: Mary, Amos (deceased), Benjamin J., Louisa R. (now Mrs. Smith Line), and Alinda E. (now Mrs. William M. Shaw). His present wife is Sarah L., daughter of Andrew and Theodate (Buell) Linn, of North Shenango Township, this county, by whom he has had five children: Arista B. (deceased), Caroline T. (now Mrs. William L. Wildrick), Henry, Nervie, and Buell L. (deceased). Mr. Frey is one of the substantial farmers of Pine Township. Both he and his wife are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, with which they have been connected for many years. He has held several offices in the gift of Conneaut and Pine Townships; in politics he is a Prohibitionist.

MYRON HENDRICK, farmer, P. O. Linesville, was born in New Hampshire, February 12, 1841, and is a son of Otis M. and Lucy (Alden) Hendrick, who settled in Pine Township, this county, in 1852, locating on the

farm now owned by E. Seelye, Esq., which was one of the oldest settled in the township, though, at the time they located on it, it was all over-run with underbrush, which they had to clear off, and in the course of time had to make all necessary improvements, such as fencing, putting up new buildings, etc. They resided there until 1864, when they purchased another farm in the neighborhood. Otis M. Hendrick died in 1873 at the age of sixty-nine, on the farm now owned by C. R. Hendrick. He was a native of Wilbraham, Mass. His wife is a native of Connecticut, and still survives him. He had five children: Orlando B. (deceased), Myron, Otis N. (killed near Richmond in the late war of the Rebellion), Lucy (now Mrs. Frank H. Potter), and Carlos R. The subject of this sketch was married July 2, 1868, to Eliza, daughter of Obed and Margaret (Gilliland) Garwood, of Conneaut Township, this county, by whom he has three children: Harry H., Blanche and M. Park. Mr. Hendrick has lived on the farm where he now resides since 1868; is one of the thorough-going farmers of Pine Township; he has held nearly all the offices in the gift of his township, and is now serving his second term as Justice of the Peace. The last time he was elected, he received every vote cast in the township, and had more votes than any other officer that was voted for. In politics he was a Democrat, but now is a Prohibitionist.

B. O. IRONS, Postmaster at Linesville, was born in Conneaut Township, this county, February 24, 1824, son of George and Rachel L. (Lane) Irons, who settled in Conneaut Township, this county, in 1816, on the farm now owned by W. H. Bradt, which they cleared and improved and where they lived and died. George Irons was a native of New York City, a son of Capt. John Irons, a native of Holland and an old sea Captain, who was drowned in New York harbor. Rachel L., the wife of George, was a native of New Jersey, and a daughter of James and Susan (Keats) Bishop, who settled in what is now Summit Township, this county, in 1816. George Irons had nine children, of whom three died in infancy, and six grew to maturity, viz.: Martha A., now Mrs. J. V. Ladner; Mary E., afterward Mrs. S. L. Curtis, deceased; James R.; William B.; Susan A., now Mrs. A. W. Bunnell, and Bradford O. Our subject was reared in Conneaut Township, this county, and educated in the common schools. He was married October 4, 1854, to Amanda, daughter of Lewis and Lorinda (Crooker) Ward, of Cussewago Township, this county, by whom he had one son, G. Warner, who died in his twenty-sixth year. After his marriage Mr. Irons was engaged in farming seven years in Conneaut Township, and then removed to Linesville, where he embarked in mercantile business, in which he was actively engaged for several years. In 1874 he was appointed Postmaster at Linesville, which position he still holds. His wife died December 11, 1883, aged fifty-two. Both she and her son were members of the Baptist Church of Linesville, as is also our subject, who has been a member since seventeen years of age. Mr. Irons is a member of the I. O. O. F., and is one of the representative and leading citizens of Linesville; he has served as Burgess of Linesville, and has held many other minor offices. In politics he is a Republican, and a strong advocate of temperance principles. Mr. Irons also owns the land situated within the northern limits of Linesville, known as the Northwestern Pennsylvania Poultry Farm, upon which he has recently erected several buildings adapted to the poultry business. Messrs. H. J. Eager and M. B. Naramore have rented the premises for a term of years, and are establishing the most extensive poultry business in this part of the State.

REV. CHAMBERS T. JACK, minister of the Baptist Church, Linesville, was born in Kittanning, Penn., March 20, 1846, son of John and Alice (Bow-

ser) Jack, natives of Armstrong County, Penn., parents of five sons and five daughters. One son, James W., served in all about three years during the war of the Rebellion in the Seventy-eighth, also One Hundred and Fourth, Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry; was honorably discharged and returned home without a wound. The father, who was a consistent member of the Regular Baptist Church, died June 15, 1883; the mother, a consistent member of the German Baptist Church, is now living in Clarion County, Penn., with three of her children. Our subject, who is third in the family, graduated from Reidsburgh University, Clarion County, Penn., where he afterward taught mathematics and Latin for one year. In the fall of 1875 Mr. Jack commenced the ministry in the Regular Baptist Church at Enterprise, Penn., where he remained two years; from there he went to Townville, this county, in 1876, and in 1879 came to Linesville to fill the charge as Pastor of the Baptist Church, continuing as such until January 1, 1884, when he was obliged to resign in consequence of a stroke of paralysis. Our subject enlisted in 1865 in the One Hundred and Fourth Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, serving with the Army of the Potomac, chiefly under the Provost Marshal, at Norfolk, Va. Was present at the siege of Petersburg, and after about six months' service was honorably discharged at the close of the war, in August, 1865, and returned home. He was twice married, on first occasion, in 1869, to Miss Tilla A. Bowser, a native of Armstrong County, Penn., and to this union were born two daughters: Almeda M. and Lula L. Mrs. Jack dying April 6, 1878, our subject married, August 20, 1881, Miss Rosa A. Heath, a native of Williamsfield, Ohio, daughter of Linus T. Heath, who moved to this county in 1867, locating in Linesville in March, 1882, and has been engaged in general mercantile business here ever since. Mr. and Mrs. Heath are consistent members of the Baptist Church. Mrs. Jack is their only child. To Rev. and Mrs. Jack has been born one son—Fred. Our subject is an earnest, energetic, patriotic and Christian man. Since his return from the army his health has shown itself to have been much impaired during the service.

NATHAN KNAPP farmer, P. O. Linesville, was born in Onondaga County, N. Y., April 10, 1821; son of David and Sophia (Knapp) Knapp. He came to Crawford County, Penn., in 1842, and in 1844 located in Pine Township. He was married December 31, 1845, to Anna, daughter of William and Barbara (Frey) Meeker, of Pine Township, this county, by whom he has three children: James D., Albert E. and William F. He settled on the farm, where he now resides, in 1848, that section being then an unbroken wilderness. In 1861 he built a saw and shingle-mill, and became engaged in the manufacture of laths and shingles, in which he continued about twenty years, and in the meantime cleared and improved between forty and fifty acres of his farm. His wife's father, William Meeker, settled in Pine Township, this county, in 1818. He was a native of Virginia and a resident of Meadville, Penn. Several years previous to his settlement in Pine Township, he settled on the farm, a part of which is now owned by John Goffrey; this he cleared and afterward removed to the farm now occupied by the widow of his son, Smith Meeker, and resided there until his death. He had seven children: Sarah, now Mrs. Edwin Bishop; Betsey, now Mrs. Aaron Dennis; Rachel, now Mrs. S. C. Bishop; Patience, now Mrs. Milo Miller; Polly, now the widow Gardner, a resident of Linesville; Adeline and Anna (twins), former married to John D. Williams, both now deceased; latter now Mrs. Nathan Knapp. Mr. and Mrs. Knapp are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church. In politics he is a Republican.

THOMAS LIMBER, proprietor of tannery, Linesville, was born in Mer-

cer County, Penn., August 20, 1840; son of Christopher and Elizabeth (Armor) Limber, former a native of Mercer County, latter of Crawford County, Penn., both now living in Mercer County. They are parents of seven children. Mrs. Limber is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church. Christopher Limber, who is a farmer, was a private, and his father an officer in the Revolutionary war. Our subject and his brother, William W., enlisted October 1, 1861, in the Fifty-seventh Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, serving with the Army of the Potomac, and were present at the siege of Yorktown and the engagements at Williamsburg and Fair Oaks, at which latter, May 30, 1862, Thomas was wounded in his left shoulder by a minie rifle ball, and was consequently honorably discharged in October, 1862, and returned home. William W. remained in the service, and was in all the engagements his regiment participated in. He received a severe wound in the left leg, and had a thumb injured. He veteranized, and at the close of the war was honorably discharged. Our subject enlisted, for the second time, for three months, when Gen. Lee made his raid into Pennsylvania, and was present at the battle of Parkersburg. Mr. Limber learned the trade of tanner and currier before the war, a business he has worked at most of his life. He moved to Linesville in the spring of 1874, and purchased the tannery at that place in 1876, since which time he has conducted the business alone. He also owns a handsome residence in Linesville, and fifteen acres of improved land just outside the corporation limits. Our subject was twice married, on first occasion, in 1866, to Miss Elizabeth Donaldson, a native of Mercer County, Penn., who bore him two children: Emma J. and William J. Mrs. Limber dying May 19, 1871, our subject then married, August 4, 1873, Miss Sarah J. Rodgers, a native of Mercer County, Penn., and to this union were born three children: Katie G., Charles C. and Thomas C. Mrs. Limber died November 28, 1883. Our subject is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, also the R. T. of T., and is a Commissioner of the S. N. Warner Post, No. 352, G. A. R.

FRANK C. LOWING, editor Linesville *Herald*, Linesville, was born in Randolph, Cattaraugus Co., N. Y., January 11, 1857, and is a son of H. D. and Nancy J. (Pierce) Lowing. He was educated in Oberlin College; at the age of fourteen served an apprenticeship at the printer's trade, in Newton County, Mo., and later in Pittsburgh, Penn. In 1881 he took charge of the editorial department of the Linesville *Herald*, of which he is one of the proprietors, and which he has successfully conducted to the present time. He was married in October, 1879, to Christiana, daughter of L. W. and E. N. Jencks, of Conneaut Township, this county, by whom he has two children: Eva and Lillian. In politics Mr. Lowing is a Republican.

HON. ROBERT P. MILLER, attorney at law, Linesville, was born near New Castle, Penn., and is a son of Jesse and Rebecca (Steele) Miller. He was reared on a farm and educated in the common schools and the academy at New Castle, and after leaving school studied law with A. M. Barnes, Esq., of New Castle. He settled in Linesville in 1846; was admitted to the bar of Crawford County in 1853, and was engaged in the practice of law up to 1858, when he was elected to the Legislature and re-elected in 1859. He was the sole representative of the county, though the county previously had two members. In 1860 he embarked in mercantile business, in which he was engaged about seven years, and since then has given his time to farming and the practice of his profession. He was married in 1843 to Margaret, daughter of Alexander and Elizabeth (Chambers) Erwin, of Lawrence County, Penn. They have no children, but have an adopted son—Walter. Mr. Miller is a member of the Masonic fraternity and the P. of H., and is known throughout the coun-

ty by the P. of H. as an able speaker and a faithful representative of their interests. He has served the Borough of Linesville as Burgess several terms, and is now serving a second term as Justice of the Peace. He is now the National Greenback candidate for Congress for his district. In politics he was formerly a Republican, but of late years has been Independent.

ALVIN MILLER (deceased) was a native of New York State, born in 1823; son of John and Anna (Brown) Miller, who settled in Evansburg. this county, about 1830, and afterward for a time resided in Summit Township, and about 1840 located in Linesville, where they lived and died. They had seven children: Mahala, Nelson, Alvinia, Caroline, Alvin, Emily, Maryette (now Mrs. William Cunningham), all deceased except the last-named. The subject of this sketch was a resident of Linesville about forty years, during which time he carried on the blacksmith's trade. He was married May 13, 1847, to Rhoda, daughter of Samuel and Sophia (Meacham) Eastman, of Linesville, Penn., by whom he had five children: Harmon, Varnum, Alonzo, James (deceased) and Arvilla. The three sons are engineers in the employ of the Erie & Pittsburgh Railroad. Mr. Miller was a member of the Free-Will Baptist Church. A prominent F. & A. M., member of the I. O. O. F. and the R. T. of T. He had held several offices in the Borough of Linesville, and was a stanch Republican. He died June 14, 1880, at the age of fifty-seven years. His widow, three sons and a daughter survive him.

M. B. NARAMORE, dentist, Linesville, was born in East Fallowfield Township, this county, April 15, 1842, son of Levi and Sarah A. (Barber) Naramore, natives of Steuben County, N. Y., and who came to this county in 1836, settling on a farm in East Fallowfield Township. They were parents of five children and were consistent members of the Baptist Church. Levi died in the fall of 1843; his widow, being left with the five children, was obliged to surrender our subject to the care of others, who gave him no advantages (other than what might be derived from hard work), and who returned him to his mother at the age of about nine years, poorly clad and in delicate health. During our subject's stay with his grandfather, his mother married William Campbell, by whom she had one son. Mr. Campbell died before M. B. returned home; the widow died in 1867. Our subject attended school after leaving his grandfather, received a partial academic education, and in 1862 commenced the study of dentistry with his uncle, John Naramore, at Rochester, N. Y., then entered on the practice of his profession in 1868, in Linesville, Penn. where he has since continued with eminent success. The Doctor has been a member of Lake Erie Dental Association, and Pennsylvania State Dental Society each for over twelve years. He has practiced his profession for past six years, each alternate two weeks at Linesville and Conneautville, Penn., and at both places enjoys a first-class connection. Dr. Naramore was married, October 12, 1869, to Miss Emma E. Deiter, a native of Livingston County, N. Y. Our subject owns a fine residence centrally located in Linesville. He is a member of the I. O. O. F., and R. A.; in politics is an anti-monopolist.

RANDOLPH TOWNSHIP.

DON E. ASHLEY, M. D., P. O. Guy's Mills, was born at Guy's Mills, January 13, 1846, son of Carl D. Ashley, also a physician, who came to Guy's Mills at an early day. He studied medicine with Dr. Woodruff, of Meadville, and his first year's practice was at Centreville. He afterward located at Guy's Mills, and there followed the practice of his profession for thirty-five years. He moved from Guy's Mills to Meadville, Penn., where he resided for some five or six years before moving to Cleveland, Ohio, where he still resides. His wife, Harriet (Sikes) Ashley, died in September, 1877. They were the parents of three children, now living: Carlton G., Nellie M. and Don E. Our subject attended the common schools of his native town, and finished his education in the common branches at the high school of Townville, this county. He studied medicine with his father, and received his diploma from the medical college at Cleveland, Ohio, where he graduated in 1871. He entered on the practice of his profession at Mill Village, Erie County, where he remained six months, and then went to Little Cooley, this county. He there continued practice about nineteen months, and then moved to Guy's Mills, where he took charge of his father's practice on the latter leaving that town. Here the Doctor has since remained, and to such an extent has he gained the confidence of the people by his thorough knowledge, skill and close attention to business, that his ride now extends over five townships. Our subject was married, September 8, 1870, to Miss Mary A. Guy, born in 1850, by whom he has one child —Don Carlton—born January 19, 1873. Mrs. Ashley is a daughter of Augustus and Maria (Ames) Guy, former deceased. Dr. Ashley in politics is a Republican.

FRANK BANDLEY, stone mason and farmer, P. O. Townville, was born in Mead Township, this county, November 22, 1839, son of Jacob and Susan (Mason) Bandley, natives of Switzerland. They immigrated to America and located in New Jersey, in 1828, but eventually moved to Mead Township, this county. They were the parents of seven children, of whom Frank is fifth. Our subject received a limited education, and learned the trade of stone mason, which he has always worked at more or less. He bears the reputation of being a good workman, honest in all his business transactions. In 1873 he came to Randolph Township, this county, and bought a farm, which he sold nine years later, and then removed to his present place of residence. Mr. Bandley enlisted, September 10, 1864, in Company F, One Hundred and Ninety-ninth Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, serving to the close of the war, and was in several engagements. In 1860 our subject married Miss Judy Dickson, born in Woodcock Township, this county, in March, 1838. Four children have been born to this union: William E., Mary A., Ida M. and Julia.

VIRGIL G. BIRCHARD, farmer, P. O. Guy's Mills, was born in Venango (now Cambridge) Township, this county, October 27, 1821, son of Virgil and Jemima (Marcy) Birchard, natives of Massachusetts and early settlers of Crawford County, parents of four children, of whom Virgil G. is the eldest. The early life of our subject was spent on the farm and in attending school in the neighboring schoolhouse. His first farm was situated in Rockdale Township, this county, where he remained several years. In 1865 he

purchased the farm on which he now resides, consisting of 106 acres of choice land, located in the northeast part of the township. Ten years previous to removing here Mr. Birchard lived in the Brawley neighborhood, and while there was twice elected Justice of the Peace; has also served in other township offices. Was formerly a member of the State Police. During the Rebellion he was drafted, but hired a substitute. On December 3, 1844, he was married to Miss Mary H. Hall, born in Randolph Township, this county, February 15, 1826, daughter of Ansel and Clarissa (Spring) Hall. To this union were born three children: Celestia, wife of James Everett; Virgil A., landlord of the Commercial Hotel at Guy's Mills, and Mary, wife of Jerry M. Burroughs, also of the Commercial Hotel. Our subject has been a consistent member of the Congregational Church of Guy's Mills for several years. In politics he is a stanch Republican.

BIRCHARD & BURROUGHS, proprietors of Commercial Hotel, Guy's Mills. Virgil A. Birchard, senior member of this firm, was born in Randolph Township, this county, July 7, 1857, son of V. G. Birchard. His early life was employed in assisting his parents on the homestead farm and in attending the common and select schools of the county. In 1878, in company with his parents, he went to New Albion, N. Y., and purchased the hotel property known as the "New Albion House," and continued in business there three years, when he returned to Randolph Township. Our subject then engaged with A. M. Hall as teamster and assistant in his store. During the summer of 1883 he assisted on his father's farm, and in March, 1884, in partnership with his brother-in-law, J. M. Burroughs, opened the Commercial Hotel at Guy's Mills, in connection with which they have a livery stable and do general teaming for the merchants. Jerry M. Burroughs was born in Cattaraugus County, N. Y., July 8, 1857, son of Aretus P. and Susan (Woodmancy) Burroughs (both deceased), natives of Rhode Island, parents of six children, viz.: Leroy A., Ira P., Joseph A., Avery D. (deceased), Patheria J. (wife of A. Mosier) and Jerry M. Our subject was raised on a farm and obtained his education in the common and high schools of his native county. His first business enterprise was in New Albion, N. Y., where he opened a grocery which he disposed of a year later and became junior member of the firm of Birchard & Burroughs. He was united in marriage August 8, 1880, with Miss Mary C. Birchard, born March 13, 1860. Three children were the result of this union: Sadie Edna, Merle and Inez. Although young in years the firm of Birchard & Burroughs are experienced in business, energetic and enterprising.

DEWITT C. BLANCHARD, retired farmer, P. O. Guy's Mills, was born in Steuben Township, this county, June 23, 1840, son of George W. and Eliza J. (Coburn) Blanchard, natives of Vermont, and early settlers of Crawford County (both deceased). They were parents of eleven children, of whom DeWitt C. is the youngest. Our subject received a common school education, and early in life learned the trade of carpenter and joiner, which he followed till the war of the Rebellion broke out, when he enlisted in a three months regiment, but eventually entered the Eighty-third Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, Company A. Mr. Blanchard was in all the engagements in which the regiment took part until he was wounded at Gaines' Mill, Va., June 27, 1862, which necessitated his discharge in October, same year. In September, 1864, he re-enlisted, and served till the close of the war. In consequence of his wound he has worked but little at his trade, and about two years since was compelled to retire from active life and labor. For several years he was also engaged in agricultural pursuits, and now lives on his farm. Our subject was married

August 28, 1864, to Miss Ellen Sikes, born in Randolph Township, this county, January 10, 1847. Two children were born to this union: Fred M. and Mildred. Mr. Blanchard has filled several township offices, and is at present Assessor; has for six years acted as Tax Collector. He is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church. Is a member of Gleason Post, G. A. R., and the K. of H. Politically he is a Republican.

PETER BOGARDUS, Postmaster and farmer, P. O. Black Ash, was born in Allegany County, N. Y., December 16, 1838, son of Nicholas Bogardus, also a native of Allegany County, born April 17, 1815, and son of Peter and Elizabeth (Dempsey) Bogardus, natives of New York, and parents of seven children. Nicholas, who is the fifth in the family, came to this county and located on the farm where he now lives, and which at that time was in a state of nature. He was married to Fanny Taft, who died leaving to his care three sons: Peter, Timothy and Mark. His second wife, Isabel Hoffman, is a native of Warren County. He has been a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church for about forty years. Our subject, who has always followed the occupation of a farmer, was appointed, in 1878, Postmaster at Black Ash, where he opened a small grocery business. He was married March 20, 1860, to Emily A. Daniels, a native of this county, born October 10, 1840; died September 18, 1863, leaving one son—James B.—born January 17,1861, married December 25, 1883, to Ida L. Boals, born in Venango County, Penn., June 14, 1865. Abigail Adkinson, second wife of our subject, was born in South Shenango Township, December 4, 1836; died August 11, 1874, leaving three children: Emily J., Alfred E. and Peter L. Mr. Bogardus was married for the third time January 27, 1876, to Ellen Oaks, born in this county August 17, 1841. Our subject is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church; of the K of H. at Guy's Mills; has filled several township offices.

JOHN W. BRAWLEY, farmer, P. O. Frenchtown, was born in Mead Township, this county, January 16, 1842, son of John R. and Sarah (Hoskins) Brawley, who were among the first settlers of Crawford County, parents of six children, of whom John W. is the fourth. Our subject was educated at the common schools of his neighborhood, and began his career in life as a farmer, which occupation he has always followed. He was married September 10, 1869, to Miss Louisa Hamilton, by whom he has four children, viz.: William, George, Hattie and Lovina.

ALLEN T. BRITTON (deceased) was born in Greene County, Va., January 15, 1823, third child of William and Nancy (Baremore) Britton, natives of Greene County, Va., and of German descent; they reared a family of thirteen children. Our subject received a common school education and early in life began to work at the carpenter's and joiner's trade, at which he continued until he earned the money to make a payment on a farm, when he turned his attention to agricultural pursuits and eventually became one of the substantial as well as practical farmers of Randolph Township and also became quite an extensive stock grower. He was but two years of age when his parents moved to this county and located in South Shenango Township, where his early life was employed in assisting on the home farm, and in attending the common schools of the neighborhood. Our subject was united in marriage September 30, 1847, with Miss Hannah Mullen, who was born in South Shenango Township, this county, March 18, 1830, daughter of William and Matilda (Driggs) Mullen, natives of Pennsylvania and New York respectively, and early settlers of South Shenango Township, this county. They were parents of twelve children, of whom Mrs. Britton is the fifth. To this union following children were born, viz.: William A. (deceased), married to Angeline Davison (they had two

children: William B. and Emma E.); Charles P., married to Emma E. Banister (have four children: Alice F., Earnest D., Harry and Charles); Orlando H., married to Rilla Pierce (have two children: Myrtia B. and Nellie A.); John A., married to Helen Hall (have three children: James R., Allen H., and Lee M.); Luther E., married to Elatha Oaks (have two children: Clinton W. and Lela E.); Nancy M., married to Jonathan Oaks (have one child, Lina E.); Ianthia E., married to Duane Terrell (have one child, Benton C.); George W.; James E.; Jane A.; Earnest G.; Estella P.; Mary E.; Fred E. and Henry W. Mr. Britton moved with his family to Randolph Township, this county, in 1859, and his farm soon became one of the best regulated in the country. He enlisted in Company A., Two Hundred and Eleventh Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry and during service contracted a disease which eventually ended his career, March 19, 1875, and his loss fell heavily upon the neighborhood as well as his family. Since the death of her husband the farm has been successfully carried on by Mrs. Britton with the assistance of her children. In this volume will be found a portrait of A. T. Britton, deceased.

OLIVER L. BRUNSON, retired farmer, P. O. Guy's Mills, was born in Charlotte, Chautauqua Co., N. Y., January 12, 1839, son of Munson and Electa (Chase) Brunson, natives of Massachusetts, and parents of seven children, four of whom died in infancy. Our subject received a common school education and commenced life as a farmer. He taught school one term in South Randolph. During the war of the Rebellion he enlisted in Company F, One Hundred and Fifty-fourth New York State Volunteers, serving three years. He participated in several noted engagements, such as Chancellorsville, Fredericksburg and Gettysburg, on which latter occasion, in the bayonet charge to capture the flag, he was wounded in the left shoulder and taken prisoner July 1, 1863. Mr. Brunson was confined in several prison dens; first, in Belle Isle, then Libby; thence sent to Scott's Prison, from there returned to Belle Isle, and finally conveyed to Andersonville, Savannah, Millen, Charleston and Florence, respectively, at which latter place he was paroled November 20, 1864. While prisoner he contracted scurvy and rheumatism, which renders him a total cripple and almost helpless; as a partial compensation for which he receives a pension of $72 per month. The three brothers living were all in the service and all disabled—Enos S., wounded in the right hand, Alfred F., wounded in the left hand, and our subject wounded in the left shoulder. Mr. Brunson was married October 10, 1865, to Miss Rosa Shade, born May 22, 1844. To this union were born four children: Leon E., Mary L. and Florence and Flora (twins). Our subject is a member of the Congregational Church at Guy's Mills; in politics he is a Republican.

JOSEPH STILLMAN BYHAM, farmer, P. O. Guy's Mills, was born in New York State, while his parents were *en route* to this county, June 15, 1816, eldest child of John E. and Abigail (Oaks) Byham, natives of Massachusetts. Our subject received a common school education and commenced life as a farmer. He moved to his present property in 1838, and from a wilderness has transformed it into a flourishing farm. Mr. Byham was married November 15, 1838, to Mary M. Drake, daughter of Abraham and Prudence (March) Drake, born in Massachusetts, August 14, 1817. Six children were the result of this union, four now living: Joseph S.; Diana E., wife of Marcus Daniels; Edgar and Charles F., all married and living within sight of the old homestead. Charles F. was born October 6, 1856, and married July 17, 1881, to Elizabeth Rees, born in Wayne Township, this county, July 16, 1863, daughter of William and Susan (Brown) Rees, natives of Crawford County. Our subject has been School Director several years.

EDWIN BYHAM, farmer, P. O. Guy's Mills, was born in Randolph Township, this county, January 25, 1826; son of Jonas and Mary (Smith) Byham, natives of Massachusetts and early settlers of Randolph Township. They were parents of twelve children, of whom Edwin is fourth. Our subject received such school training as the times afforded. In 1876 he moved to his present farm, which is carried on in all branches. Mr. Byham was married in 1856 to Miss Ellen C. Cady, born in Chautauqua County, N. Y., December 17, 1837. Four children were born to this union, viz.: Eber, Abram, Leverette and Sylvia. Our subject had the misfortune to receive an injury in the arm several years ago, which has within the past three years developed into rheumatism, rendering him in a measure helpless and causing him intense suffering, which he endures with great fortitude and without a murmur. He has been Township Assessor. Is a member of the Congregational Church at Guy's Mills. His son Eber, who is at home managing the farm, was born March 13, 1857, and was married September 12, 1878, to Miss Florence Fagundus, a native of Wayne Township, this county, born June 1, 1858. To this union were born four children: Cora May, Florence Mildred, Lulu Maud and Francis Lynn. The two eldest were consumed to ashes and Lulu Maud badly burned in a house that was destroyed by fire.

NEWELL BYHAM, proprietor of saw-mill, P. O. Guy's Mills, was born in Randolph Township, this county, February 27, 1850. Our subject was raised on a farm and received his education at the common schools. He commenced life as a farm hand, which occupation he followed several years. He came to his present place of residence in 1881 and built a saw-mill with a capacity of 4,500 feet per day. Mr. Byham has deservedly gained the highest esteem of the people by his fair and honest dealings; he is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church; in politics is a Republican.

ESICK L. COBURN, farmer, P. O. Townville, was born in Chenango County, N. Y., November 19, 1803; son of Amariah and Rose Linda Coburn. Our subject received a limited common school education and served an apprenticeship to the tanner's, currier's and shoe-maker's trades, which occupation he followed several years. He was twice married; on the first occasion October 10, 1826, to Hannah R. Jewel, born May 22, 1803; she died about 1843, leaving seven children, viz.: Joseph H., Maria E., Susannah L., Humphrey J., Thomas B., Harvey M. and Laura P. Mr. Coburn next married, in 1844, Phœbe Smith, a native of Crawford County, by whom he had five children, four living: Ira C., Lida A., John and Frances E. Our subject has held several minor township offices. He has been Deacon in the Congregational Church several years. He has been an enterprising, hard-working man, and is highly respected in the community.

CHARLES H. CORLISS, farmer, P. O. Guy's Mills, was born in Grafton County, N. H., January 23, 1855; son of Calvin and Carrie (Hartwell) Corliss, natives of New Hampshire, now making their home in Dakota; the former born in 1827, a machinist by trade, but of late years a farmer; the latter born December 29, 1834. They are parents of four children: Bell, Carrie, Harley and Charles H. Our subject received a common school education, and served an apprenticeship to the butcher's trade. In 1866 he opened a shop in Titusville, Penn., where he continued in business about eight years, when he came to Randolph Township, this county, where his father purchased a farm. For several years Mr. Corliss dealt extensively in stock, buying and selling, and during the last four or five years has employed most of his time in teaming. He was married, May 3, 1881, to Miss Hattie Sybrant, born in Mead Township, this county, October 9, 1860, daughter of Oscar and Rassella (Gilbert)

Sybrant, the latter deceased. Our subject is a member of the K. of H. Lodge of Guy's Mills, and of the I. O. O. F., of Townville.

WILLIAM P. CROUCH, farmer, P. O. Randolph, was born in Randolph Township, this county, March 28, 1849; son of Delos and Susannah (Byham) Crouch, former of whom was born March 4, 1816, and died June 5, 1875; the latter was born January 18, 1821, and died May 17, 1863. Delos Crouch came to Randolph Township, this county, in 1826, and followed farming all his days. He was a consistent member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, in which he was Steward several years. They were parents of six girls and four boys: Mary E. (wife of C. Loveless), Emma J. (wife of S. Fitch), Ella S., Adelia (deceased, wife of T. Wilder), Eudora, Inez, Lesley (died in the army), William P., Roscoe (deceased) and Horace E. The latter was born July 27, 1858, and graduated at the Cambridge Conservatory of Music, June 25, 1884. Our subject's paternal grandfather, Jonathan Crouch, was born April 2, 1773, and died November 20, 1826. His wife, Elizabeth Perkins, was born May 17, 1791, and died August 21, 1873. The subject of this sketch was regularly brought up to farming, and has followed that occupation all his life. He was married December 17, 1876, to Miss Amelia Smith, born in Randolph Township, this county, September 22, 1856, daughter of Joel and Mary (Blanchard) Smith, of Randolph Township.

GEORGE W. CUTSHALL, farmer, P. O. Guy's Mills. The grandfather of our subject, Philip Cutshall, was born in Pennsylvania in 1767; and his wife Elizabeth was born in 1760. In 1803 they came from Cumberland County to Venango County, settling about six miles west of Franklin. They had three sons: John, Jacob and George, and one daughter—Nancy. The sons, on arriving at maturity, were among the early settlers of this township, locating in 1814, their parents coming subsequently. Their father died in 1829, their mother in 1836. Their youngest son, George, the father of our subject, was born in Cumberland County, Penn., April 29, 1799, and was four years old when brought to Venango County, where he grew to maturity, undergoing the privations of pioneer life. In 1823 he married Jane Sterling, and by this union had thirteen children: Jeremiah, Nancy, Eliza, Maria, Mary Jane, Gorge W., Warren, Sarah E., Philip M., Jacob A., Joseph R., La Fayette and Lydia A. Mr. Cutshall settled on the place where his son George now resides, and was the owner of 400 or 500 acres, which now constitute several farms. Here Mr. Cutshall remained the greater portion of his life and here he raised his family. A short time prior to his death, in company with his wife, he visited his daughter in Lorain County, Ohio, and eventually purchased property and removed there, where he died in March, 1876, his widow in April, 1883. The subject of our sketch was born on the homestead on which he now lives, December 30, 1832. Owing to lack of school privileges in his youth, his education is somewhat limited, but his mind has been broadened by the extended experiences of a life which, although mainly devoted to the farm, has also reached out to numerous business enterprises. Among other things, he assisted in building the first railroad that ran into Cleveland, Ohio. He has held nearly all the official honors it is in the power of the township to bestow. During the war he went out with the State militia, but did not see active service. He is a member of the State Police, also of the Grange at Guy's Mills. In 1853 he was married to Matilda I. Masiker, who was born September 12, 1830. The result of this union has been three children: A. Frank, Sarah Eliza (wife of W. E. Russell, of Randolph Township), Lafayette (born April 19, 1860, died October 10, 1864). Mr. Cutshall is one of the most extensive breeders of short horn cattle in the county, having several head pur-

chased in Kentucky and Ohio, and about twenty head of registered stock of his own raising.

LOREN DAVISON, retired farmer, P. O. Guy's Mills, was born in Otis Mass., June 25, 1819; son of Nathaniel and Amy (Gile) Davison, natives of Massachusetts; former born November 12, 1793, and still living on the old home place. In 1821 our subject's parents removed to Randolph Township. When twenty-four years of age Loren left home and took up the farm he now resides on, then covered with wood, but now under thorough cultivation and rented by his sons, our subject having retired from active life. During the Rebellion Mr. Davison enlisted in Company G, Fifty-sixth Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, being detailed from his company to do provost guard duty. For twenty-five years during the summer months he was a well-digger, earning at that occupation from $100 to $125 per year. In 1843 Mr. Davison married Abigail Hodge, born in Vermont in 1826, and daughter of Sylvanus and Sally (Rose) Hodge, natives of Vermont and early settlers of Crawford County. To this union have been born seven children: Emma (wife of P. Phillips), Charles H. (married to Sarah Heth), Sylvanus (married to Evelina Phillips), William C. (deceased), David M. (married to Delia Hites), Warren (married to Sarah Culver), and Ella (wife of Bert Smith). Our subject for twenty-five years has been a consistent member of the Methodist Episcopal Church. In politics he has always been a Republican.

WILLIAM DAVISON, farmer, P. O. Guy's Mills, was born in Randolph Township, December 30, 1830, son of Nathaniel and Amy (Gile) Davison. Our subject received a fair common school education and chose farming as his life vocation. He commenced to work for his father as soon as he was old enough to wield an ax, trimming brush and burning log heaps. His farm is a standing testimony of what industry and perseverance can accomplish in a comparatively short period. Mr. Davison has converted it from a wild, sterile condition to a high state of cultivation. He has always been a hard working man, most of the means with which he bought his farm having been earned by clearing land at $10 per acre, and his house represents many days of labor performed at the nominal sum of 50 cents per day. He is owner of a fine stallion, of Percheron, Morgan and English stock. Our subject was married January 12, 1859, to Lovina Case, born in Michigan, in February, 1842, and to this union were born eight children: Nellie, wife of J. B. Humes, married June 12, 1881; George; Elliott; Ruby, wife of H. L. Shorts, married June 21, 1884; Olive; Florence; Minnie and an infant not named.

JOHN A. GRAHAM, farmer and stock-dealer, P. O. Randolph, was born in Sheffield, Ashtabula County, Ohio, February 3, 1837, son of David and Martha (Bentley) Graham (both deceased), former supposed to have been a native of Vermont, latter born in New York. They were the parents of five children: John; William D.; Susan, wife of Mead Johnson; Elizabeth (deceased), and Mary Jane, wife of A. W. Lewis, of Shamburg, Venango County, Penn. Our subject, when about six years of age, was brought by his, parents to Evansburg, this county, and from there to Yates County, N. Y., where the family remained three or four years, and then returned to Crawford County, locating in Randolph Township. John A. received a common school education and learned the cooper's trade, at which he worked about ten years. He spent five years in Clarion County, Penn., engaged with a pipe company, and while there he operated more or less extensively in oil, in which he was quite successful. Of late years he has turned his attention to farming and stock-raising. The farm on which he now lives he purchased in 1880. Mr. Graham was married December 20, 1861, to Miss Amy Armstrong, born in

Crawford County in 1843. To this union have been born six children, viz.: William, Karl, John, Clifford, Martha, wife of F. E. Humeston, and Lena. Mrs. Graham is a daughter of James and Martha (Barton) Armstrong, former a native of this county, now deceased, latter of New York State, now living. They were the parents of four children: Almeron, Amy, Mary and Elizabeth. Our subject is a self-made man, and has accumulated his property entirely by his own energy and enterprise.

BENJAMIN GRIGGS (deceased) was born in Ashtabula County, Ohio, in 1816; was a farmer and quite extensively engaged in stock-dealing. In the fall of 1841 he settled in Randolph Township, this county, in the woods, and the next fall had twelve acres cleared and sowed to wheat. He accumulated a large property and gave to each of his five children a good farm, and left a good home for his widow, with ample means for all her wants. Although not a professor of religion, he was liberal in the support of religious institutions, and his loss was felt by the community as well as by his family. For two years he provided a room in his house for school purposes, and eventually gave the ground on which stands the schoolhouse, near his late residence. His widow, Catharine (Boomhauer), is still living at Guy's Mills, and is the mother of six children, viz.: Edwin, Adelbert (deceased), Judson, Albert N., Louisa and Sarah. The youngest son, Albert N., is still living on the home farm; he inherits all his father's energetic nature; aside from growing the usual crops he is an extensive fruit grower. He has for a number of years been a consistent member of the Baptist Church. Politically he is identified with the Republican party. He was married December 25, 1870, to Miss Ellen Townley, who was born in 1849, and by whom he has three children: Lydia, Catharine and Clarence.

JUDSON A. GRIGGS, farmer and stock-dealer, P. O. Randolph, was born in Randolph Township, this county, June 15, 1846; son of Benjamin and Catharine (Boomhauer) Griggs. Our subject obtained his education at the common schools of the county, and has always followed the occupation of farmer. In connection, he also extensively handles stock, both buying and selling. Mr. Griggs was married October 29, 1867, to Catharine S. Henry, a native of Ashtabula County, Ohio, born June 15, 1846. To this union have been born three children: Herbert, Adelbert and Gertrude. He is an active member of the Grange at Guy's Mills; is a member of the Baptist Church. In politics he is a Republican. Mrs Griggs' mother, Eliza M. (Willard) Henry, was born in Connecticut in 1811, and moved to the State of Ohio in her fourth year with her widowed mother, her father, grandfather and grandmother having all died in one week, from that dread disease, cholera. Mrs. Griggs' father, William Henry, was born in the State of New York in 1813; he was a farmer by occupation; was married in his twenty-fourth year and died in the forty-sixth year of his age, deeply mourned by all of his friends.

FRANKLIN GUY, farmer, P. O. Randolph, was born in Randolph Township, this county, March 22, 1833; son of Jacob and Susan (Wyman) Guy, former a member of one of the first four families to locate in this township. Jacob Guy erected the first saw-mill in this locality, from which Guy's Mills derives its name; he also built and carried on a store for many years. At one time he owned about 700 acres of land in this township. He died in 1851, aged about seventy-five years; his wife preceded him in 1833. They were the parents of nine children: Mary Hetty, Emeline, Susan, Mary Juliette, Ward B., Augustus, Helen, Melancton Wheelar, and Franklin; all deceased except Mary Juliette and Franklin. Our subject received a common school education; operated a saw-mill at Guy's Mills for about ten years. He pur-

chased the present farm in 1856. Mr. Guy was married in 1851 to Lovina S. Thompson, a native of Massachusetts, who bore him three children: Agenia, wife of John Bole; William T. and Fanny M. Mrs. Guy was a daughter of Jared and Axie (Hubbard) Thompson (both deceased), natives of Massachusetts and early settlers of Randolph Township. She died December 27, 1881. Our subject has served the township as Clerk, several years, and is Overseer of the Grange at Guy's Mills. Politically he is a Republican.

JAMES A. HALL, farmer, P. O. Guy's Mills, was born September 15, 1822, in Delaware County, N. Y., and came to this county in 1823 with his parents (see biography of A. M. Hall in this volume). Our subject was reared on a farm and educated at the common schools. He was twice married; on the first occasion, May 12, 1853, to Esther L. Prentice, born in Hampshire County, Mass., and who died June 13, 1854. Mr. Hall then married, in 1855, Helen C. Noble, born in Washington County, N. Y., died November 27, 1857, leaving one child, Helen, born November 26, 1857, now wife of J. A. Britton (see biography of Allen T. Britton in this volume). They were married September 18, 1876, and have three children: J. R., born June 18, 1878; Allen H., born August 15, 1880; Leon M., born September 5, 1882. Mr. Hall has served his township as Auditor and School Director several terms. He is Clerk of the Congregational Church and has been a Deacon in the same for years. In politics, was originally a Whig, is now a Republican.

IRA R. HALL, farmer and Postmaster at Randolph, was born in this township, June 3, 1825; son of Leonard and Sally (Jones) Hall. He received a good education and for ten years followed teaching as his profession, when he turned his attention to farming, in connection with which for several years he dealt largely in stone pumps. Since 1871 he has conducted a cheese factory every summer, and at one time controlled five factories, dealing quite extensively in cheese. With a view of retiring from active business he has disposed of several of his interests, and now utilizes the milk of but 250 cows. Our subject has held several township offices and in 1882 was appointed Postmaster at Randolph. He is a member of the Grange at Randolph, also of the E. A. U. of Meadville; for twenty years has been connected with the Christadelphian organization. He was married in 1850 to Miss Rebecca Camp, born in Hayfield Township, this county, and who died in 1866. By her he had two sons: Eugene and Friend L. In 1867 Mr. Hall was again married, on this occasion to Margaret A. Smith, born in Cussewago Township, this county, and by her he has two daughters: Rebecca and Arminetta. Mr. Hall is very enterprising and has always been foremost in any undertaking for the development of the county and for the advancement of religious and educational privileges.

ADOLPHUS M. HALL, merchant, Guy's Mills, was born May 5, 1848. His grandfather, Ansel Hall, born in 1796, was a native of Massachusets, a farmer and cooper by occupation; in 1824 he settled on a quarter section in this township, which he subsequently divided among his three sons; he died in 1873. His wife, Clarissa (Spring) was also a native of New York, born in 1803, died in 1882, mother of three sons and one daughter: James A., Merritt W., David T., and Hannah, wife of Virgil G. Birchard. David T., the father of our subject, was born in this township, April 8, 1824, is a farmer by occupation and is still living. Sarah H., (Pike) his wife, born October 13, 1829, is also now living. Their family consisted of two sons and two daughters: Orvelina and Adella (both deceased), Homer D., of the firm of Zigler, Hall & Lippet, of Meadville, and Adolphus M. Our subject after receiving a common school education, and six weeks before he was sixteen years of age, enlisted in

Company F, Eighty-third Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, and served to the close of the war, being discharged at the general muster. His father enlisted in the same company at the same time, but in the battle of the Wilderness received a wound in the neck and right arm which disabled him in this his first engagement. After his return home, our subject engaged for one year in farming, and then entered the employment of Thorp & Reynolds as book-keeper, remaining with them one year. In July, 1866, he formed a partnership with his father, purchasing the property then known as the "Crawford House," at Guy's Mills, and opened a grocery store under the firm name of D. T. Hall & Son. The following spring they bought the general merchandise stock of Radle Bros., and in 1872 the firm became Hall & Sons, Homer Hall being taken into the partnership. In 1873 they built the store now occupied by K. S. Smith, and two years later the father retired, and the firm became A. M. Hall & Bro., continuing thus until 1879, when the firm dissolved and our subject erected the building he now occupies, branching into business for himself. His stock consists of general merchandise, with the addition of drugs and furniture, and he deals also extensively in lumber and shingles. From a poor man with but a few dollars, and only business ability to recommend him, he has gradually increased his stock in proportion to the demand, and as a result of his exertions he has the satisfaction of managing a large and prosperous business, which has steadily increased until his sales amount to about $40,000 annually. He was married October 6, 1874, to Miss Emma J., daughter of Hiram and Jane (Wade) Hatch, born in this township, July 17, 1853. Hiram Hatch and wife are the parents of five children: Carrie, Erbie, Harry, Frank, and Emma J.

CALVIN HATCH, Sr., retired farmer, P. O. Randolph, was born at Whitehall, Washington Co., N. Y., July 7, 1803, son of Samuel and Elizabeth (Reed) Hatch, natives of Connecticut. Our subject received a fair common school education and taught four terms. He followed the occupation of farmer through life, but is now retired from active life and labor. He came to Randolph Township and settled on his present farm of seventy acres in 1821. Mr. Hatch was married May 10, 1826, to Cecelia B. Clark, born in Massachusetts June 6, 1808, daughter of Isaiah and Charlotte (Moore) Clark, natives of Connecticut. Our subject has been a consistent member of and Deacon in the Baptist Church for over half a century.

CALVIN HATCH, Jr., farmer, P. O. Randolph, was born in Mead Township, this county, October 28, 1833, and when about three years of age was brought by his parents to Randolph Township. They settled two and a half miles north of Guy's Mills, where they cleared about 200 acres of land. The father of our subject, Samuel Hatch, is still living; the mother, Caroline (Weller), is deceased. They were the parents of eight children: Hiram, DeWight, Philip (deceased), Calvin, Jr., Moses W., Oscar, David O., and Caroline, wife of William Ashley. Our subject was married December 8, 1856, to Miss Maria Danly, born in Genesee County, N. Y., October 9, 1832, daughter of George and Abigail (Clough) Danly, natives of Chautauqua County, N. Y., both deceased. To this union were born five children: Leonard H., Carrie M., Emma A., James W., and John, an infant (deceased). Mr. Hatch is an active member of the K. of H. Lodge at Guy's Mills, of which order he is a charter member. In politics he is independent.

JOHN K. HOVEY, farmer, P. O. Townville, was born in Chittenden County, Vt., March 3, 1821, son of John F. and Elizabeth (Hill) Hovey, natives of Vermont. Our subject obtained his education in the common schools of his native county, and when thirteen years of age went with his parents to Lorain

County, Ohio. His father was a book-binder, but eventually became a farmer. On March 18, 1843, our subject was married to Miss Mary E. Bunce, born in Chautauqua, N. Y., July 10, 1821. This union resulted in five children, three now living: Rev. E. H. Hovey, of Spartansburg, Penn., who was educated at Reidsburgh, Clarion Co., Penn., and ordained in Wisconsin; Sarah E.; Ella J., wife of Enos A. Scott. Mr. Hovey is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church. He is recognized as one of the substantial farmers of this county, and the appearance of his farm denotes him to be a practical one.

VOLNEY JONES, retired farmer and minister, P. O. Guy's Mills, was born in Rutland County, Vt., November 9, 1800, son of Joel and Rhoda (Sprague) Jones, natives of Massachusetts, and parents of nine children, of whom Volney is third. Our subject, when seventeen years old, came to Randolph Township with his parents; his chief occupation was farming, with the exception of about ten years spent in the West as traveling missionary. He has been connected with the United Brethren Church the greater portion of his life, and has preached more or less until within the past few years. On November 29, 1829, Mr. Jones was united in marriage with Esther Thurston, a native of Mead Township, this county, and who died in 1844. Seven children were born to this union, two only now living: William and Addison. Our subject owns a nice farm of forty-eight acres, under an excellent state of cultivation. He is the oldest living land-mark left to tell the tale of the hardships and privations incident to pioneer life in Randolph Township, and one of the pleasures of his declining years is the knowledge of having lived an upright and honorable life. In politics Mr. Jones was originally a Democrat, but since the nomination of Abraham Lincoln to the Presidency he has been identified with the Republican party.

MRS. BELINDA (DAVISON) KEEP, P. O. Guy's Mills, was born April 29, 1817. She has been twice married—on first occasion April 28, 1836, to Edward Pratt, who died nine years afterward, leaving to her care four small children, viz.: William E., Mary L., Melissa and Oscar. Our subject then married in 1861 Archibald W. Keep, born September 20, 1799. He was a most energetic and hard-working man; besides clearing his own farm, he lent his assistance to his neighbors in the same hard task. He died February 12, 1881. He had accumulated a nice farm, which he left to his widow, who resides on the same, carrying on general farming with the assistance of her grandson, Fred M., son of Oscar, her youngest son by her first husband.

REUBEN LEWIS, farmer, P. O. Guy's Mills, was born at Cool Spring, Penn., February 15, 1844, son of Reuben and Sadie (McCartney) Lewis, early settlers of Mercer County, Penn. Our subject received a common school education and commenced life as a farmer, which occupation he continued in. He came to his present place in Randolph Township in 1878. Mr. Lewis enlisted during the war of the Rebellion in Company G, One Hundred and Forty-fifth Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, and remained in the service three years; was in nearly all the battles in which his regiment took part and was wounded in the shoulder. He was married May 5, 1869, to Mary Drake, daughter of John and Sarah (Petit) Drake. Four children were born to this union: William E., Emma M., Velorus and John (the latter deceased). Our subject has been a consistent member of the United Brethren Church for several years.

SAMUEL H. McCARTNEY, farmer and stock dealer, P. O. Randolph, was born October 27, 1841, in Greenwood Township, this county; son of Robert and Diantha (Densmore) McCartney. He received a good common school education, and in 1866 bought his present farm in this township. In connection with farming, he makes a specialty of handling live stock, both

buying and selling. During the war of the Rebellion, our subject enlisted in Company I, Fifty-seventh Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, Capt. A. D. Moore, remaining in the service three years. On the consolidation of the Eighty-fourth and Fifty-seventh regiments, January 6, 1865, the company was changed from I to D. His company took part in twenty-nine engagements, among which were Wilderness, Spottsylvania, Petersburg Mine, Cold Harbor, Deep Bottom, etc. During his term of service Mr. McCartney was wounded seven times; he was discharged as Sergeant. Our subject was married, August 18, 1865, to Martha Miller, born in Greenwood Township, this county, in 1843. To this union have been born two children: Fred and Frank.

JAMES ALEXANDER McCARTNEY, farmer, P. O. Randolph, was born at Cochranton, this county, April 7, 1847; son of Robert and Diantha (Densmore) McCartney. His education was limited to such as could be obtained in the common schools of the county. He engaged in farming as an occupation for life; has always given his attention to agricultural pursuits, and he is justly recognized as a representative, progressive young man. Our subject was married, July 10, 1870, to Miss Hulda Lyon, born in Richmond Township, this county, December 24, 1853, daughter of Alanson and Melissa (Looker) Lyon, former deceased. To this union have been born two children, Maud and Harry. In politics Mr. McCartney is a Republican.

NEAL McKAY, retired farmer, P. O. Black Ash, was born near Conneautville, Penn., October 3, 1816, and when eighteen months old his parents, Joseph and Mary (Gilland) McKay, removed to Randolph Township, and located on a portion of the present farm of our subject. They came to Pennsylvania in 1817, and were blessed with seven children: Nancy, James, Eliza, Angeline, Hugh, Robert and Neal. The father died when Neal was ten years old and the latter suffered severely by his demise, being compelled to labor hard to maintain his mother and himself. He early engaged on the construction of the canal from Meadville to Franklin at $13 per month, and after two years of such toil his salary was advanced to $18 per month, which amount was given to his mother, and on that and what she made by weaving, the family was sustained. In 1838 our subject's mother was married to Jacob Trace, and soon after died. Neal had but little school advantages, and they were experienced with arduous trips three miles through the woods, where wild animals abounded, and in the log-cabin with its puncheon floors, slab seats and writing desks. At the age of twenty-one there was a debt of $700 hanging over the old homestead which was contracted after his father's death, and our subject assumed the responsibility of eradicating the same with the understanding that the property should be his. This he paid out principally by labor at 50 cents per day. He was married, May 7, 1839, to Lydia Smith, daughter of Philip and Hettie Smith, who came to Pennsylvania in 1839, one year subsequent to her arrival with her brother, Benojah Smith. At the time of their marriage, Mr. and Mrs. McKay possessed property valued at about $100, and by their united efforts they have secured 175 acres of finely improved land, and possess an estate valued at over $10,000, of which they can truly claim to be the artificers. They have no children, save one by adoption—David T.—whom they have reared and educated, together with three other children of their relatives. Mr. and Mrs. McKay joined the Methodist Episcopal Church over thirty years ago, under exhortation of Rev. E. Hull, at East Randolph, and have been consistent members since, he having been Steward, Class-leader and Trustee. He votes the Democratic ticket. The family are of Irish descent, the original Neal and Nancy (Montgomery) McKay having come to America at an early date, settling in Crawford County, Penn.

One, Joseph McKay, was in the war of 1812, and stationed at Erie at the time of Perry's great naval victory. His father was a Revolutionary soldier.

JAMES A. McLACHLIN, farmer, P. O. Randolph, was born December 11, 1828, in Randolph Township, this county; son of James and Mary (Stainbrook) McLachlin, former a carpenter and joiner as well as farmer; he was in the war of 1812, and at Erie at the time of Perry's victory. Our subject was raised on a farm, and when twenty-one years of age started out for himself, going to Forest County, Penn., and engaging in lumbering for five years. While there he purchased fifty acres of the farm he now owns, and to which he has added ninety-seven acres more, besides all necessary improvements and substantial buildings. He has filled satisfactorily a number of township offices, such as School Director, Supervisor, and the like. He is an active member of the Grange at Guy's Mills. He was married, March 7, 1867, to Miss Kate, daughter of James and Mary (Radcliffe) Mc Connell, and who was born April 2, 1844. A younger brother of our subject enlisted in Company B, Eighteenth Pennsylvania Volunteer Cavalry, and served nearly three years. He was placed in a hospital at New Haven, with black measles. On his recovery and while *en route* to his company, he was seized with small pox and died.

JOHN L. McLACHLIN, P. O. Randolph, was born in Randolph Township, this county, August 16, 1833; son of James and Mary (Stainbrook) McLachlin, former deceased, Scotch descent; latter, now living, of Irish and Dutch lineage. They were parents of four children living: John, James; Nancy, wife of T. Humes; and Phœbe, wife of William Coburn. Our subject, in connection with his farm labors, has done threshing for several years, and was the first to introduce a separator into the township. On his farm there is a private saw-mill, which is operated by a traction engine, the first one owned in the county. Mr. McLachlin bought the farm where he now lives in 1875. He is part owner of the famed thorough-bred bull, registered as "David Mosier," weight 2,200 pounds. Our subject has filled several township offices, and is at present Supervisor, an office he is filling the third term of two years each.

WILLIAM M. MANING, farmer, P. O. Black Ash, was born in Beaver (now Lawrence) County, Penn., September 27, 1827; son of John and Sarah (Munnell) Maning, natives of eastern Pennsylvania, and both deceased. Our subject received but a limited common school education, and in 1841 came to North Shenango Township with his parents. He has always followed farming, and has owned the farm on which he now resides for thirty-five years. From a state of nature he has placed it in a state of cultivation that bespeaks him to be a practical farmer. His fine brick residence, erected in 1883, is the only one of the kind in Randolph Township, and is a monument to his industry and enterprise. His farm is stocked with fine short-horn cattle. During the war he was drafted, but discharged soon after on account of physical disability. He is a member of the K. of H. and the Grange, is also connected with the Spiritualist Church. He was married January 1, 1856, to Mary A. Lamphear, who was born in Ohio, June 20, 1836. They have a family of six children: William O., Clayton E., May, Nora, Ollie and Effie.

J. R. MORGAN, mill-owner and farmer, P. O. Guy's Mills, was born in Sullivan County, N. Y., July 14, 1850; son of Nicholas and Rose (McGrath) Morgan, natives of Ireland. Our subject came to this county in 1871, and for seven years made his home in Meadville, except a short time spent in the oil regions. In 1878 he purchased a saw-mill having a capacity of 10,000 feet per day, built about eighteen years since by A. Gilbert. In connection with

this mill, Mr. Morgan also bought 300 acres of land, nearly all covered with timber, which he is rapidly clearing. He was married February 17, 1878, to Miss Reuah Gilbert. Our subject is an energetic and enterprising business man and enjoys the confidence of every one for his honesty and fair dealings. He is an active member of the K. of P., at Meadville.

JOHN MURDOCH, farmer, P. O. Sugar Lake, was born in Lanarkshire, Scotland, April 5, 1839; son of John and Jane (Jack) Murdock, natives of Scotland, former of whom came from that country to America in 1841, settling in Meadville, this county, where he followed the occupation of a carpenter, and died August 28, 1858; his wife died in Scotland in 1854. They were the parents of two children: Agnes and John. Our subject received his education in the common schools of his native land, and in early life learned the trade of blacksmith, which he followed for several years, but eventually turned his attention to farming. At the age of eighteen he decided to try his fortune in the New World. The farm which he then purchased and now lives on was settled in an early day by the Oaks family. Mr. Murdoch eventually cleared and placed under cultivation many acres of land and in addition to other improvements he has erected fine farm buildings necessary for comfort and convenience. He is a prominent stock-grower. In 1860 our subject married Miss Mary, daughter of Jackson and Susan Brawley. She died in 1873, leaving five children, viz.: James, Jane, William, Guy and Susan. Mr. Murdoch was again married, on this occasion, June 3, 1875, to Henriette, daughter of John and Mary Allen, born June 3, 1849. She is the mother of one child —Josephine. Mr. Murdoch is an active member of the K. of H. at Guy's Mills.

ANDREW J. OWEN, farmer, P. O. Guy's Mills, is a son of William and Sally (Sterling) Owen, former a native of Massachusetts, latter of Pennsylvania, both deceased. They were parents of seven children, of whom Andrew is the youngest. Our subject received a common school education and taught school several terms. He learned the trade of cooper, at which he worked several years and then turned his attention to farming. He bought his farm when covered with forest and has cleared over 100 acres. Mr. Owen enlisted in Company F, One Hundred and Ninety-ninth Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, serving ten months, and was in four engagements. He was wounded in the the left leg and contracted a chronic disease which has disabled him in some respects from active labor. Our subject was married January 1, 1858, to Elizabeth Clark, a native of this county, born December 25, 1839. Seven children were born to this union: Estella (deceased), Matis, Don E., Velma, Roy, Maud, and Lyle. Mr. Owen is an active member of the K. of H., at Guy's Mills.

PAUL PHILLIPS, blacksmith and farmer, P. O. Guy's Mills, was born in Venango County, Penn., February 15, 1843; son of Anthony and Libby(Cauvel) Phillips, natives of Centre County, Penn., and early settlers of Venango County, former deceased. They were parents of eleven children, of whom Paul is sixth. Our subject received a common school education and learned blacksmithing, a trade he worked at for twenty years. He is a good workman and has accumulated a fair portion of this world's goods. His farm in Randolph township consists of ninety acres of choice land under good cultivation. On March 9, 1880, Mr. Phillips was united in marriage with Miss Lucy McMullen, a native of Randolph Township, this county. In politics our subject is independent.

ELIAS SHAFFER, farmer, P. O. Black Ash, was born in Woodcock Township, this county, February 22, 1830; son of Daniel and Sarah (Wikoff)

Shaffer, natives of this county (both deceased). They were parents of nine children, of whom Elias is fourth. Our subject received a common school education and entered on his career of life as a farmer, an occupation he has always followed. He came to Randolph Township, in April, 1860, and here made most of the improvements on a large farm. Mr. Shaffer was married in 1853 to Miss Helena, daughter of William Salen, born May 22, 1833, and to this union were born nine children, viz.: Ellen, Charles, Edgar, Minnie, William, Ward, Sarah, Leslie, and Bertha. Our subject has served the people of the township in several minor offices and is an active member of the Grange at Guy's Mills. He is an energetic, enterprising man and socially ranks high in the estimation of the community.

HORACE T. SIKES, farmer, P. O. Guy's Mills, was born in Allegany County, N. Y., February 13, 1822; son of Philander and Mary (Faunce) Sikes, former a native of Washington County, N. Y., a blacksmith and farmer; latter a native of New Hampshire. They were parents of six children, viz.: Horace T. Squair, Harriett, Selden, James and Mahaly. Our subject was raised on a farm and received a common school education. He has worked at blacksmithing and now owns and operates a saw-mill which he erected on his farm in 1848. He came to this county in 1836 with his parents, who located on a farm now owned by James Hall. Mr. Sikes, in company with his brothers, Selden and Squiar, enlisted in Company A, Two Hundred and Eleventh Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, in 1864, serving till the close of the war. He was married December 14, 1843, to Mary E. Keep, a native of Massachusetts, who bore him four children now living, viz.: Wolcott E.; Ellen E., wife of D. C. Blanchard; Cherill A., wife of W. W. Sikes, of Venango County, and Flora E., wife of M. Lyman, of West Andover, Ohio. Wolcott E. was married September 25, 1878, to M. Estella Selby, of Ohio, and by her has one child—Lee. Mr. Sikes is an active member of Gleason Post G. A. R.; has been connected with the Methodist Episcopal Church for years. In politics is a Republican.

EPHRAIM SPRING, merchant and Assistant Postmaster, Randolph, was born in Delaware County, N. Y., February 11, 1809; son of Ephraim and Mary (Sumner) Spring, former a native of Washington County, N. Y., latter of Connecticut. They were parents of nine children, of whom Ephraim is fifth. Our subject obtained the chief part of his education in the common schools of his native county; came to this township in 1823 and engaged in farming. In 1874 he opened a grocery store in Randolph, where he now resides. Mr. Spring was twice married, on first occasion to Mary Radle, who died in 1872. She bore him nine children, of whom only two survive, viz.: Adeline and Mary. On August 25, 1874, our subject married Mrs. Mary (Hall) Haight, widow of William Haight, by whom she had one child—Pemrose—night railroad agent at Leavittsburg, Ohio. Mrs. Spring was born in Randolph, April 21, 1831, and is a daughter of Leonard and Sally (Jones) Hall, former of whom was born in Vermont, May 4, 1795; came to Meadville, this county, in 1816, and to Randolph Township in 1826, at which time there was but one house between Randolph and Guy's Mills. He made the trip from Meadville on an ox-sled. He died September 29, 1878. His wife was born October 19, 1797; died September 10, 1868. They were the parents of ten children. Our subject was Captain of a militia company at Meadville fourteen years, and during the Rebellion he raised a company of sixty-five men, of which he was twice elected Captain, but his age prohibited him from going to the front. Thirty of his men volunteered with Capt. Ira Ayre. Mr. Spring was elected as Justice of the Peace in 1845 and filled that office thirty years; was Postmaster at Randolph nine years; politically he is a Republican.

HENRY P. STEADMAN, farmer, P. O. Guy's Mills, was born in Rome Township, this county, December 18, 1863; son of Perry and Esther (Baldwin) Steadman, the former of whom was born in East Fallowfield Township, this county, May 31, 1829; the latter in New York State, March 2, 1831. They were married July 28, 1849, and had a family of ten children, six of whom are now living, viz.: Alvah D., Catharine M., Cyrus W., Mary E., Henry P. and Effie E. Our subject received a common school education. During the winter seasons for several years he worked in a saw-mill. In the spring of 1884 he rented a farm of fifty acres and began life for himself. Mr. Steadman was married October 4, 1880, to Miss Mary Grinnell, a native of Crawford County, Penn., born September 7, 1863, daughter of Morris B. and Maggie (Aimes) Grinnell, early settlers of Greenwood Township, this county, both now deceased. To this union were born two children: Jeptha and Maggie. Our subject is an industrious young man, and is destined to be a successful farmer. He is a member of the United Brethren Church. Politically, he is a Republican.

JOHN E. STEWART, farmer, P. O. Guy's Mills, was born on the farm where he now lives in Randolph Township, this county, August 3, 1843; son of John and Mary Stewart (both deceased); the former a native of this county, the latter of Erie County, Penn. They were parents of six children, of whom John E. is fourth. Our subject obtained his education in the common schools, and having been raised on a farm has always followed that occupation. He was married September 4, 1872, to Miss Clarinda Daniels, born in Randolph Township, this county, March 20, 1851, the result of which union is one child—Hattie Maude. Mr. Stewart is a member of the K. of H. at Guy's Mills; is connected with the Methodist Episcopal Church. In politics is a Democrat.

DAVID F. SWEET, blacksmith and farmer, P. O. Sugar Lake, was born in Richmond Township, this county, June 25, 1828; son of A. B. and Anna (Blanchard) Sweet, natives of New York, and parents of twelve children, of whom David F. is the seventh. They moved from New York to this county in March, 1828. Our subject was brought up a farmer and is a blacksmith by trade, at which he has gained a wide reputation for his skill and for his honest, straightforward business transactions. He came to his present place in 1876 and built a shop on his farm. Mr. Sweet was married in 1851 to Elizabeth Shoemaker, of Wayne Township, this county, born in 1829. They have two children now living: Florence, wife of R. Ferry, and Samuel B. Mr. Sweet is highly esteemed in the community for his many good qualities.

RALPH UTLEY (deceased) was born in Landgrove, Vt., June 12, 1817. He came to Randolph Township, this county, in 1855, and bought the farm where his son Edward C. now lives. He was married at Whitehall, N. Y., March 6, 1839, to Miss Laura J. Noble, a native of Whitehall, N. Y., born November 22, 1819, and now living. To this union were born five children, viz.: George H. (deceased), Mary G., Eliza M., Helen A. (deceased), and Edward C. Mr. Utley was a very prominent man in his day and was recognized as one of the substantial farmers of the township. His son Edward C. was born January 15, 1859, and received a good common school education. He is an energetic young man, and bids fair to become a practical, successful farmer. He married, March 30, 1880, Miss Alice M. Hanks, a native of Crawford County, Penn., born August 12, 1859.

JAMES C. VIRTUE, farmer, P. O. Guy's Mills, was born in Upper Canada, now Ontario, July 19, 1844, son of Edward and Mary A. (Hall) Virtue, natives of Canada, former deceased, latter still living. His educational privi-

leges were limited to the common schools. At the age of ten years he was deprived of a father's care, and being the oldest of seven children, a large burden fell upon his young shoulders in assisting to care for the family. He has accumulated a large estate by his own efforts, and the property he now owns represents many hours of hard labor performed by his own hands. In 1865 he came to Pennsylvania and located in the oil regions, where he engaged in the wood business for three years, at the end of which time he came to Randolph Township, this county, and bought a farm. He is universally termed the first farmer of the township, and the appearance of his farm, upon which he has made nearly all the improvements, does not in any respect belie the assertion. His cattle are of thoroughbred Jersey and short-horn families, and his sheep full-blooded stock. He always buys the best and consequently has the best to sell. He helped build the Methodist Episcopal Church at Guy's Mills, of which he has been a leading member for years. Our subject married, March 4, 1869, Lucetta Frankenberger, who was born in Venango County, this State, in 1848, and by this union are three children, viz.: Clair W., Ernest E. and Mabel E. In politics Mr. Virtue is a Republican.

SYLVESTER WILDER, M. D., retired, Guy's Mills. This aged and honored gentleman, so well and favorably known throughout this county, was born in Oneida County, N. Y., in 1809, son of Thomas and Rebecca (Yarns) Wilder, the father a native of Massachusetts, the mother, of New York State. Among the passengers on the "Mayflower," who landed at Plymouth Rock in 1620, fleeing from religious persecutions in England, were two brothers, John and Daniel Wilder, and of these Thomas Wilder, our subject's father, was a lineal descendant. Thomas Wilder was born and reared near Boston, and at the age of nineteen years removed to Oneida County, N. Y., where he subsequently married. In 1831 he removed to this township, of which he remained a resident until his death in 1856. He served in the war of 1812 under Gen. Brown. His family consisted of three sons and one daughter, of whom two sons, Luther and Sylvester, survive, and are both residents of this township. Sylvester settled in this township one year later than his father, or in 1832. In 1834 he married Maria Sellew, of Wethersfield, Conn., who bore him one child, that died aged eleven days. Mrs. Wilder died March 25, 1864, aged fifty-four years. In 1868 Dr. Wilder married for his second wife Mrs. Mary R. Lippitt, of Cambridge. In early life he entered upon the study of medicine, and for twenty-eight years engaged in the practice of his profession, at the same time carrying on quite an extensive farming business. Financially, the Doctor's life has been very successful. Although he raised no children of his own, his fatherly care and attention have been given to several adopted children, giving them a good education, and at maturity furnishing each of them with abundant means to start well in business life. The Doctor has been a member of the Congregational Church for many years, in which by his Christian character and influence, and his liberal giving of his means, he has been one of the main pillars. For more than half a century Dr. Wilder has been a resident of this community, and during this long period the many public acts of his life and the noble deeds of charity to the poor and indigent and to all worthy objects have been extended with such a beneficent hand as to endear him in the hearts of the people of this community and throughout his large and extended circle of acquaintances.

THOMAS J. WILDER, farmer, P. O. Randolph, was born in Randolph Township, this county, February 1, 1841; son of Luther and Sarah (Byham) Wilder, former of whom was born in Oneida County, N. Y., January 25, 1805; latter born in Worcester County, Mass., December 4, 1818. Luther Wilder

came to Randolph Township, this county, in 1834, settling on the farm where he now lives. He has been a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church about sixty-seven years, and class-leader thirty-six years. Has been twice married; on first occasion, March 2, 1829, to Lucy Ward, who died May 20, 1836, leaving one child, Sylvester W. His second marriage occurred March 28, 1837, with Sarah Byham, who bore him nine children, viz.: Martin L., Thomas J., Chancy G., Maria L. (deceased), Sarah J. (deceased), Elisha R., Mary E., Martha S. and Jonas B. (deceased). The paternal grandfather of our subject is supposed to have been of German descent; he was a farmer by occupation; a teamster in the war of 1812. Of his family of five children, Dr. Wilder and Luther are the only ones now living. Our subject was raised on a farm, and has been a farmer all his life. During the war of the Rebellion, he enlisted in Company H, One Hundred and Fiftieth Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, and during the sixteen months he was in the service he took part in seventeen engagements and received one wound. He participated in the battles of the Wilderness, Weldon Railroad and Hatcher's Run. Mr. Wilder was married December 25, 1880, to Miss Adelia Crouch, who died a few months later. Our subject is a member of Gleason Post, G. A. R., at Townville, and of the K. of H. at Guy's Mills. He is a consistent member of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

JACOB WILSON, M. D., physician and surgeon, Guy's Mills. Prior to the war of the Revolution, Moore Wilson, a native of England, immigrated to America, settling in Virginia, and soon after enlisted in the war, serving until its close. He became owner of a large plantation with quite a number of slaves, and there he resided during the remainder of his life. He died very suddenly, it is supposed of heart disease, while apparently in quite robust health, at the advanced age of one hundred years. Of his children, Jacob Wilson, the father of our subject, was born in West Virginia, served in the war of 1812, subsequently married Miss Maugerette Killpatrick, of Baltimore, Md., and about 1820 removed to Ohio, and settled at or near Akron, Summit County. A few years later, at the time of the building of the Erie & Pittsburgh Canal, he removed to Sherman's Corners, this county, and contracted for and superintended the construction of one section of that canal. After the completion of this work he settled on a farm in Richmond Township, where he resided till near the time of his death. He died like his father, very suddenly, of heart disease, in August, 1864. He was the father of five sons and six daughters, of whom seven are now living: Nancy, James A., Harriet, Maugerette, Jacob, John K. and Thomas. Of these, Jacob, the subject of this sketch, was born in 1834, in this county, raised on his father's farm, and when seventeen years of age entered Allegheny College, where he continued nearly three years; then he studied medicine with Drs. Witherwax and Carter, at Davenport, Iowa, remaining with them about four years. He then attended a full course at the Medical Department at Ann Arbor College, Michigan. In 1858 he married Miss Jane E., daughter of George and Sarah Hotchkiss, settled in this county and entered upon the practice of his profession. He has now practiced twenty-six years, and is the oldest practicing physician in Randolph Township. His business has constantly increased and is now extended over a large extent of territory. In 1882 he graduated in the Western Reserve College, Cleveland, Ohio, and in the spring of the same year removed to Guy's Mills, where he has since carried on his profession. He is the father of two sons and two daughters: Hattie May (now Mrs. F. L. Hall), James L., Burt L. and Addie M.

JACOB WOOD, farmer, P. O. Guy's Mills, was born in Columbiana County, Ohio, April 16, 1806, son of John and Elizabeth (Mourey) Wood, natives

of southern Pennsylvania. John Wood was in the war of 1812, and while in the service fell sick and died in 1813. They were the parents of ten children, of whom Jacob is sixth. Our subject received but a limited education, and served an apprenticeship to the blacksmith's trade at Salem, Ohio. In 1838 he came to Crawford County, and was the same year married to Barbara Sherrod, who bore him eleven children, viz.: Lewis, John, William (deceased), Andrew, Martha, Rebecca, Erastus, Elizabeth, Lucy, Alice and Alford. Mr. Wood worked at his trade ten months in each of the following places: Edinboro, Erie County, and Venango Township, this county; then went to Stark County, Ohio, where he remained seven years; he then returned to Crawford County, and cleared a farm, which he sold, and again applied himself to his trade in Cambridgeboro, this county, fifteen years, and finally came to Randolph Township and settled on his farm in 1880. He has held several minor township offices. Is a member of the Congregational Church.

SAMUEL F. WOOD, farmer, P. O. Townville, was born in Otsego County, N. Y., March 15, 1817, son of Isaiah and Hannah (Fisk) Wood, the former of whom was born in Rhode Island, a miller by trade, and an early settler of Steuben Township, this county. The latter was a native of Connecticut. They were the parents of seven children, viz.: Barnet, James, Samuel F., Willard, Sarah, Catharine and Louisa. When about five years of age our subject was brought by his parents to Steuben Township, this county, where he received a common school education, and early in life commenced to learn the trade of carpenter and joiner, at which he has worked more or less in connection with farming. In 1841 he went to Richmond Township, this county, and remained till 1881, and then came to Randolph Township, where he has a farm of fifty acres. Mr. Wood has been for many years a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church. In politics he is a Republican.

EZRA R. WRIGHT, farmer, P. O. Guy's Mills, was born in Jefferson County, N. Y., July 17, 1824, son of William and Lucy (Eastman) Wright, the former a native of New Hampshire, the latter of Vermont, early settlers of Venango County, Penn. Ezra R. Wright was raised on a farm, and has always followed agricultural pursuits. He came to this township in 1864, and has demonstrated the fact that he is an excellent husbandman by placing his farm in a high state of cultivation. He takes quite an interest in high grade stock and fowls, of which he has quite a number. At the death of his first wife, Mary Hasson, he was left with five children, viz.: Wilhelmina, wife of Charles Crook; Frederick N., who married Edith Faunce; Alvira, wife of Lawrence Moffat; Mary, wife of J. Hill, and John, who married Ella Boyles. Mr. Wright married for his second wife Naney Duffield, a native of Venango County, Penn., by whom he has two children, viz.: Harvey M. and Emma, both now living at home, assisting their parents upon the homestead farm.

RICHMOND TOWNSHIP.

EDWIN J. BAILEY, farmer, P. O. New Richmond, was born in Chautauqua County, N. Y., January 13, 1829; son of Simon P. and Nancy (King) Bailey (both deceased), natives of Onondaga County, N. Y.; parents of seven children, of whom Edwin J. is fourth. They came to this county when he was an infant. Our subject's education was limited to the common schools of the neighbor-

hood, and his early life was employed in assisting his parents on the farm. On reaching his majority, Mr. Bailey commenced life as a carpenter and joiner, an occupation he has followed for about twenty-five years in connection with his farm, which consists of 150 acres of choice land. He was married December 25, 1853, to Miss Martha E. Clark, born March 25, 1837, and by this union there are six children, viz.: Rodolph C., Eda E., Hattie L., Neva, Melva M. and Donn E. Recognizing the importance of good education, Mr. Bailey has spared no pains in that respect for his children. He is an energetic, enterprising man, taking an active part in all county undertakings, especially such as tend to the advancement of religion and education.

EDWIN BAKER, farmer, P. O. Townville, is a native of Steuben Township, this county, born November, 1848; son of Freeland and Betsy (Altenburg) Baker, natives of Pennsylvania, and now living in Steuben Township. They were parents of five children, viz.: Amy (deceased), Edwin, Frank (deceased), Louie Bell and Fred. Our subject received a common school education and entered on his career in life as a farmer. In 1868 he purchased the farm where he now lives, consisting of 104 acres of excellent land. Mr. Baker was married, March 5, 1868, to Juliette Myers, born in Woodcock Township, this county, February 14, 1847, and the result of this union is two children: Frank, born May 4, 1871, and Don, born October 7, 1877. Our subject is a member of the Baptist Church at Townville. Is at present serving the township as Supervisor; is an active member of the I. O. O. F.

HENRY D. BERTRAM, farmer, P. O. Little Cooley, was born in Germany, December 11, 1836, son of George Henry and Hannah Bertram. He came to America in 1853, and located at Cambridgeboro, this county, where he followed blacksmithing until he moved to his farm, in Richmond Township, in 1869. Mr. Bertram was married, October 28, 1858, to Miss Mary Mathews, a native of New York State, and to this union were born seven children: Emma, George, Fred, Mary, Nelson, Charles and Henry. Our subject is an energetic, enterprising man, and highly esteemed by all who know him. He is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church and of the A. O. U. W. In politics he was formerly an adherent of the Republican party; lately, however, he has become identified with the Prohibitionists.

GEORGE L. BOWMAN, farmer, P. O. New Richmond, was born in Columbia County, Penn., August 1, 1810. He received but a limited education, and served as an apprentice to the cabinet-making, a business in which he opened out for himself, when twenty-three years of age, at Cambridge, this county, where he remained about fourteen years. He then went to Rockdale Township, this county, immediately turning his attention to farming, and here he remained twenty-three years. He next came to his present farm of 100 acres of excellent land, in Richmond Township, this county, well cultivated and stocked. Mr. Bowman was married March 15, 1840, to Caroline A. Webster, a native of Brockville, Ontario, and to this union were born six children, viz.: Susan, wife of Sam Stewart; Emma, wife of Willis Morse; Lena, a teacher in Cleveland, Ohio; Albert and Albion (twins) and Alsaett, wife of Dr. Farley, of Townville. In addition to his farm labors, our subject devotes part of his time to repairing wagons, buggies, etc., having on his place a combined wagon and blacksmith shop. Politically Mr. Bowman is a Democrat.

ALBION BOWMAN, farmer, P. O. New Richmond, was born in Cambridge, this county, January 23, 1847; son of George and Caroline (Webster) Bowman, early settlers of this county, both now living. They are the parents of six children, of whom Albion and Albert (twins) are the only boys. Our subject received his educational training at the common schools, and learned

at first the trade of a painter, which he followed five years, when he turned his attention to agricultural pursuits. In 1874 he moved to his present farm, which presents every evidence of prosperity, the result of careful cultivation. Mr. Bowman was married January 1, 1873, to Miss Estella Navy, born in Steuben Township, this county, November 7, 1854, and daughter of William and Jeanette (Hopkins) Navy; former, a native of this county, died August 2, 1861; latter, a native of New York, now living. They were parents of two children, of whom Mrs. Bowman is eldest. Two children are the result of this union, Don and Nettie. Our subject has the reputation of being energetic and enterprising, honest and upright in all business transactions, and is highly esteemed by all.

PRENTIS N. BRESEE, farmer, P. O. New Richmond, was born in Trumbull County, Ohio, October 28, 1837; son of Nathan and Huldah (Chipman) Bresee, natives of New York State; former a farmer and mechanic, died May 3, 1877, latter in 1857. They were parents of seven children, of whom Prentis N. is second. The early life of our subject was employed in attending the common schools and assisting on the farm. In 1843 he came to Richmond Township, this county, with his parents, and here he has followed the occupation of farmer, without intermission, having met with good success as a return for hard work and perseverance. During the war of the Rebellion he enlisted in Company I, Tenth Pennsylvania Reserves, March, 1864. On August 19, following, he was captured by the Rebels, and held prisoner seven months in Libby, Belle Isle and Salisbury prisons. When liberated he returned home on furlough, at the expiration of which he went to camp at Annapolis, where he received his discharge. He then turned his attention to agriculture. Mr. Bresee was married June 11, 1861, to Miss Mary R. Marsh, born in Medina County, Ohio, by whom he had four children: Effie, Wilbur, Chester and one deceased. Our subject held the office of Constable ten years, from 1869; assessed the township twice and collected taxes once; is a member of the Grange at New Richmond; politically a Republican.

JAMES W. BURDICK, farmer, P. O. Townville, was born in Sparta Township, this county, July 24, 1842, son of Elias and Mary Ann (Willey) Burdick, former deceased. Our subject received but a limited education, attending only a few terms at the common schools, as his facilities were not of the best. During the Rebellion he enlisted in Company B, Eighty-second Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, Capt. Knight, serving his country faithfully two years. He was in several engagements, among which was the battle of the Wilderness, where he received eleven bullet holes in his clothes and four wounds, three in his left arm and one in his right hand; a Testament which he carried in his pocket stopped one bullet which would undoubtedly have killed him. In 1869 he purchased his farm in Richmond Township. Mr. Burdick was married March 31, 1879, to Miss Sarah, daughter of Stephen Hunt, and by her has two children: Mary and Addie. He was a member of a G. A. R. post which was disbanded. Is a member of the Christian Church.

ISRAEL CANNON, farmer, P. O. New Richmond, was born in Chenango County, N. Y., March 12, 1812; son of Stodard and Polly (Heneager) Cannon. He was brought when a child by his parents to Chautauqua County, N. Y., and his early life was passed in assisting his father on the farm. Our subject came to Richmond Township, this county, about 1834, and cleared the farm where he now lives and expects to end his days. He has always been a hard-working man, and has accumulated his property by his own energy and industry, although he has had a great deal of trouble in the way of sickness and death in the family. Mr. Cannon is now living with his third wife, who was

a Miss Helen Danforth, by whom he has four children living: Bert, Eva, Minnie and Ray Richmond. He has been a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church over sixty years. Politically he is a Republican.

RILEY CARPENTER, farmer, P. O. Townville, is a native of Vermont, born August 12, 1821, son of Abner and Nancy (Hanz) Carpenter, also natives of Vermont. They came to Crawford County at an early day, and settled on land now owned by Welcome Carpenter, and there died. Their six children are Welcome, Charles, Aaron, Riley, Parley, and Sophia, widow of Washington Kelly. The grandfather served through the entire Revolutionary war. Our subject received his school training in the old log schoolhouse, immediately commenced farming, and in 1851 purchased his present farm of 170 acres of improved land, where he makes a specialty of raising cattle. He was married in 1848 to Lovicy, daughter of John Pratt, who was killed by the falling limb of a tree, and by this union were born eight children, viz.: James E., Emma E., Eva N., Martin L., Lydia L., Lillie L., John R. and Hattie N. Mr. Carpenter enlisted during the Rebellion in Company C, One Hundred and Fiftieth Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, serving three years in the hospital department. He has held several township offices; politically he is a Republican. The family are connected with the Methodist Episcopal Church of Townville.

EMERSON CHAMBERLAIN, farmer, P. O. Cambridgeboro, was born at Williamstown, Mass., July 12, 1811, son of Anson and Rhoda Chamberlain. His education was obtained in the common schools of Chenango County, N. Y., where his parents removed when he was but two years of age. Mr. Chamberlain was twice married, his first wife living only a few years. She was the mother of two children: Oscar and Mary, both now deceased. In 1838 our subject returned to Chautauqua County, N. Y., where he remained three years. On February 23, 1840, he married Miss Elvira Aiken, born in Chautauqua County, N. Y., August 23, 1816, and to this union were born eleven children, viz.: Adeline (deceased), Adelaide, Cornelia, Anson (deceased), Henry, Amelia, Viola, Laura, Emeline, Homer and Clara. Soon after his second marriage our subject came to Crawford County, and settled on and cleared the farm where he now lives, which is under a high state of cultivation and supplied with substantial buildings. Our subject has held several minor township offices. Has been an active member of the Methodist Episcopal Church for nearly forty years.

DONAL CHILDS, retired farmer, P. O. Lyona, is a native of Washington County, N. Y., born December 23, 1808. He received a common school training, and commenced life as a farmer, an occupation he has followed without intermission till date of his retirement from active labor. He settled in Athens Township, this county, in 1830, and three years later moved to Richmond Township, where he now lives. His farm consists of fifty acres of choice land now managed by his son Joseph. Mr. Childs was married in 1827 to Miss Mary Hazleton, a native of Vermont, who died in 1875. To this union were born six boys: Reuben, Eli, Byron, Lucius, Warren and Joseph, all living and all farmers, excepting Lucius and Warren, former of whom is in mercantile business, latter a shoe-maker. Our subject was formerly a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church. Politically he was a Whig until the organization of the Republican party, when he became identified with it. He cast his first vote for Jackson.

SILAS CLARK, farmer, P. O. New Richmond, was born on a farm near where he now resides in Richmond Township, this county, August 6, 1825, son of Joseph and Sybil (Phillips) Clark, natives of Washington County, N. Y.,

and who settled in Richmond Township in 1820. They were parents of five children, of whom Silas is the eldest. The first school our subject attended was on the subscription plan, and his education was limited to that and the common schools. He first directed his attention to farming, but eventually learned shoe-making, which trade he followed for about fifteen years, and finally devoted himself exclusively to the farm. He has at present some Durham cattle, a grade he expects in the future to make a specialty of; also makes a business of fruit-tree grafting. Mr. Clark during the war of the Rebellion enlisted in the Eighty-third Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, Company F, Capt. D. C. McCoy, under command of Col. John W. McLane. He was disabled and returned to his regiment on three different occasions; was in he service twenty-seven months, and soon after Lee's surrender received his discharge at Washington, D. C. He was married January 29, 1847, to Miss Mary Ann, daughter of Gamaliel Phillips, and a native of this county, born April 19, 1827. To this union were born twelve children, eight now living, viz.: David, Gamaliel, Delbert, Whiteley, Jennie, Gertie, Rose and Hale. The eldest son, George, was in the service during the Rebellion, and died in hospital at Pittsburgh, Penn.

JEREMIAH CLARK, farmer, P. O. New Richmond, was born on the farm where he now lives, May 22, 1831, son of Joseph and Sybil (Phillips) Clark, natives of New York State and early settlers of Richmond Township, this county, having bought the farm where their son Jeremiah now resides. Our subject received a common school education, and commenced life as a carpenter and joiner, which occupation he followed fifteen years. During the Rebellion he enlisted in Company H, One Hundred and Fiftieth Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, Capt. Resinger, attached to Army of the Potomac; was wounded in the hand at the battle of Gettysburg; was in hospital in consequence three months, and then rejoined his company. Soon afterward was again wounded in the same hand, this time so seriously that he had to be discharged. After his return home Mr. Clark turned his attention to farming, which occupation he still follows. Our subject was at one time a member of the I. O. O. F.

LYMAN CLARK, farmer, P. O. New Richmond, is a native of Richmond Township, this county, born August 25, 1834; son of Ira H. and Betsy (Day) Clark, natives of Washington County, N. Y., and early settlers of this township (both deceased). They were parents of ten children, of whom Lyman is the fourth. Our subject received a common school education, and was apprenticed to the trade of shoe-maker, an occupation he followed several years at Rock Island, Ill., Waterford, Titusville, McClintockville and New Richmond, Penn. Eventually he adopted farming and lumbering, the former of which he has engaged in to the present time, with the exception of a few years spent in the oil regions, where he still holds an interest. Mr. Clark was married, March 13, 1857, to Miss Rebecca A. Bailey, born in Richmond Township, this county, July 30, 1838, daughter of Simon and Nancy (King) Bailey, both deceased, natives of Onondaga County, N. Y., parents of seven children. To this union were born five children, only one now living, Clellie R., wife of Frank Hubble, of Lincolnville, Penn. Our subject owns a well cultivated, compact, though not large farm, with good buildings and abundance of live-stock. He has been a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church several years; was at one time connected with the Grange. Is politically a Democrat.

ABEL CROSS, retired farmer, P. O. New Richmond, was born in Otsego County, N. Y., November 27, 1812. He spent his early days on his father's farm and in attending school in the neighboring log schoolhouse. He commenced life

for himself as a farmer, and in 1838 came to this county, where he now resides on the third farm he has cleared, comprising 110 acres of well-improved land, situated near New Richmond. Mr. Cross has been very successful, and is looked up to as a substantial, practical man, bearing a reputation for energy and enterprise and honest fair dealings in all business transactions. Our subject was married October 16, 1836, to Miss Rosella Lurgy, a native of Cattaraugus County, N. Y., born January 19, 1819. To this union were born five children: Joel, Cyrus, Eugene, Sally and Susan, all now living. Joel has been an army surgeon nearly fifteen years. Mr. Cross has retired from active labor, and his place is now under the management of his youngest son, Eugene. In politics he has always been a stanch Republican.

BURNEY DANFORTH, retired farmer, P. O. New Richmond, is a native of Bristol County, Mass., born May 28, 1807, son of Richmond and Catharine Danforth. He was reared on a farm and educated at the common schools of his native county. His first occupation was that of distiller, which he followed for three years. He then bought and ran a canal-boat for several years, but eventually turned his attention to farming, and bought the place where he now resides in 1829. At one time he owned between 300 and 400 acres, but since retiring from active life has disposed of the greater part of it. In 1839 Mr. Danforth married Sarah Gail, who died in 1850, leaving eight children; and in 1852 our subject married Sarah Belden, of Vermont, who died eight years later; she was the mother of four children. Mr. Danforth's third marriage occurred in 1862, with Martha Edmons, who has borne the following-named children: John, George, Mariette, Frank and Albert.

JAMES E. DAVISON, farmer, P. O. Lyona, is a native of Randolph Township, this county, born September 12, 1837, son of John and Ruth (Kitelinger) Davison, former a native of Massachusetts, latter of Pennsylvania, early settlers of Randolph Township and still living in the same township. They are the parents of eight children, of whom James E. is eldest. Our subject had few facilities for attending school, consequently his education was limited, but he is a great reader, and takes more weekly and monthly papers than probably any other man in the township. His library is extensive, containing many valuable and popular works, and having traveled considerably, he is enabled to give interesting and graphic descriptions of all noted places he has visited. Mr. Davison enlisted during the war of the Rebellion, in Company I, Tenth Pennsylvania Reserves, Capt. Howe, under command of Col. Ira Ayre, and while on picket duty near Bull Run he received a wound in the hand which disabled him from further duty, so he was discharged. Our subject was married July 4, 1861, to Miss Alvira N., daughter of Ebenezer Hunt, the first settler of Richmond Township; she was born October 18, 1835. Mr. and Mrs. Davison have two children by adoption: Charles, of West Point, Neb., and Flora, wife of W. H. Smith, of Randolph Township. Mr. Davison has served the township in every office from lowest to highest; is Past Master of the Grange at New Richmond; politically he is a Republican.

FAYETTE DELAMATER, farmer, P. O. Blooming Valley, was born on the farm where he now resides, July 1, 1827, fourth child of Thomas and Martha (Day) Delamater, former a native of Washington County, N. Y., and an early settler of this county, died at the age of seventy years; latter a native of Vermont, died aged sixty-two years. They were parents of seven children. Our subject's education was limited to the common schools of his neighborhood. He commenced life as a farmer, and in addition to the time therein employed taught school several winters. He has a large, well-cultivated farm in ship-shape condition, and for several years he has dealt in live stock in

addition to growing the usual crops. Mr. Delamater, in 1851, married Miss Sarah Peelman, a native of Woodcock Township, this county, born in 1832. To this union were born four children: Eva, wife of Judson Sayer; Ella, wife of D. W. Wright; Alice, wife of Willis Bentley; and Albert L., at home. Our subject during the war of the Rebellion enlisted in a company of Home Guards, but did not enter into active service. He is an active member of the Grange at New Richmond, also of the R. T. of T., Blooming Valley. He and his wife are connected with the Congregational Church at Guy's Mills.

ALEXANDER FOSBURGH, farmer, P. O. Little Cooley, was born in Steuben County, N. Y., June 2, 1822. His educational privileges were limited to the common schools, and his first business enterprise was building flat-boats on French Creek, of which he has constructed as many as fifty-three in one year. In connection with boat-building Mr. Fosburgh owned and operated a saw-mill for a number of years. In 1864 he purchased a farm of fifty acres of choice land, and entered on the life of an agriculturist. He has all farm buildings necessary for comfort and convenience, and everything in ship-shape order. Our subject was married, July 16, 1846, to Cynthia Fisk, who died November 19, 1871, and he then became united, March 22, 1872, with Rosanna Sloan, a native of this county, born April 26, 1827. The result of this union has been two children.

BENJAMIN FRANKLIN, farmer, P. O. Townville, was born August 6, 1820, in Genesee County, N. Y., son of Eber and Martha (Kimble) Franklin, former a native of Vermont, latter of New Jersey. They were parents of thirteen children, viz.: Sophia, Andrew, Ichabod, Benjamin, Lyman, Lovina, Mary, Eber, Joanna, Orillia, George, Harrison and an infant (deceased). Our subject attended school in a log-cabin, his early books being the reader and spelling-book. He commenced life as a day laborer, and by industry and economy earned enough to buy a farm. In 1851 he settled on his present property of 130 acres, and at one time owned 240 acres, half of which he gave his son. He has a dairy of twenty cows, and sends the milk to the Franklin Cheese Factory, which he built in 1871, and sold after operating it one season. Mr. Franklin married, in November, 1841, Mary Rideout, of New York State, who bore him four children: Melissa, wife of William Hadlock; Esther, wife of H. M. Cutshall (she taught school several terms before marriage); Flora, wife of A. Winans, and Earl, married to Alice Shorts. Our subject has filled several minor township offices; is a member of the Grange at New Richmond; in politics is independent. He is a believer in the doctrine of Spiritualism.

THOMAS W. GREEN, farmer, P. O. New Richmond, was born in Jefferson County, N. Y., May 1, 1822. His education was very limited, as he had to work most of the time when a boy, and had but little time to attend school. He entered upon his career in life as a farmer, an occupation he has since followed, and by energy and enterprise has prospered well. He left his home in New York State for the West in 1840, and settled in Richmond Township, this county, where he has now a farm well cultivated, and a pleasant home. Mr. Green was married, July 7, 1845, to Miss Mary E. Baldwin, by whom he has seven children, viz.: Pembroke, Charles, Francis, Sarah, Rhoda, Ann and Bertha, all living.

ZENAS M. GRISWOLD, farmer, P. O. New Richmond, is a native of Rutland County, Vt., born September 23, 1816, son of Samuel and Irene (Bronson) Griswold, natives of Vermont, both now deceased, parents of four children, of whom Zenas M. is the eldest. They moved to St. Lawrence County, N. Y., when our subject was four years of age, and from there to Chautauqua County, N. Y. In 1836 Samuel Griswold came to Richmond Township and

purchased the "Ashley heir property," of which our subject still owns sixty-one acres. Mr. Griswold received a good common school education, and had to work hard, up to reaching his majority, at farming by the day or month. By industry and economy he saved enough from his earnings to make a payment on a farm for himself, which farm is well supplied with all necessary buildings, etc. Mr. Griswold was married November 17, 1842, to Miss Charlotte Fisk, born in April, 1821, daughter of Elisha Fisk, a native of Otsego County, N. Y. Our subject has been a consistent member of the Methodist Episcopal Church for twenty years. In politics is a Democrat.

FRIEND L. HALL, M. D., New Richmond, was born in Randolph Township, this county, June 11, 1855, son of Ira R. and Rebecca (Camp) Hall, natives of Pennsylvania, latter deceased. They were parents of two sons: Ira E. and Friend L. Up to the age of fifteen our subject's time was employed on the farm and in attending school. He then engaged to learn the trade of cheese-making, which he followed about five summers, teaching school in the winters—one term when he was seventeen years old. The business of cheese-making eventually took him to Oregon and California, where he remained two and a half years. The Doctor traveled over the West considerably, and attended one course of medical lectures at Willamette University, Portland, Oregon. He received his diploma at the Western Reserve College, of Cleveland, Ohio, March 15, 1881, and commenced the practice of his profession at Little Cooley, this county, coming one year later to New Richmond, and has met with more than ordinary success, his ride now extending over four townships; the result of a thorough knowledge of the science of medicine, and close attention to business. Our subject was married April 6, 1878, to Miss Hattie M. Wilson, a native of Greenwood, this county, born November 9, 1859, and daughter of Dr. Jacob Wilson, of Guy's Mills, this county. One child has been born to this union, named Charles Mack Hall.

L. G. HAMILTON, retired farmer, P. O. New Richmond, was born at Wellington, Ohio, August 16, 1829, son of Asa and Lydia (Deland) Hamilton, former a native of Connecticut, latter of Massachusetts, both now deceased. They were parents of six children, of whom L. G. is the fourth. Our subject received a common school training, and at the age of fifteen commenced working at the trade of carpenter and joiner, at which he continued, in connection with farming, for about twenty-five years. In 1857 he came to this township, and purchased a farm which he cleared and placed under a high state of cultivation. Mr. Hamilton was married December 10, 1854, to Catharine Baird, a native of Connecticut, born February 6, 1834. Three children were the result of this union: Elsie, Adelbert L. (deceased) and Ai G. Our subject is recognized as one of the substantial farmers of the township, and has been very successful in all his undertakings. He has filled several of the minor township offices; has been an active F. & A. M. several years; is a member of the Grange of New Richmond. In politics a Republican.

JARED L. HARTER, farmer, P. O. New Richmond, is a native of Herkimer County, N. Y., born June 21, 1818; son of Henry and Sophronia (Hyde) Harter, natives of New York, (both deceased). They were parents of seven children, of whom Jared L., is the eldest. Our subject received a common school education; in May, 1854, he purchased a farm in Rockdale Township, this county, and in 1862 moved to Richmond Township, where he has since been engaged in farming. Mr. Harter was married June 1, 1843, to Miss Cynthia E. Paddock, a native of Chautauqua County, N. Y., born March 26, 1820, daughter of Samuel and Cynthia (Mattison) Paddock, former a native of Connecticut, latter of Vermont, (both deceased). They were the

parents of nine children, of whom Mrs. Harter is fourth. To our subject and wife were born seven children: Henry L., Darwin R.; Vera A., wife of E. Johnson; John P., Solomon E.. Gilbert J., and Lucy, wife of E. Carpenter. Mr. and Mrs. Harter are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church at New Richmond. Politically, he is not a partisan, but usually votes the Republican ticket.

ELIAS N. HOLMES (deceased) was born in Otsego County, N. Y., July 22, 1808; son of Samuel and Parmelia (Andrews) Holmes, natives of Connecticut (both deceased). They were parents of four children, of whom Elias N. was the youngest. Our subject, who was a farmer by occupation, came to Richmond Township, this county, in 1839, and cleared a farm of 110 acres. He held several township offices. Mr. Holmes, was married February 4, 1831, to Susan A., only child of Daniel and Betsy (Stout) Luther, former a native of Rhode Island, latter of New Jersey (both deceased). Mrs. Holmes is a native of Tompkins County, N. Y., and is the mother of nine children, viz.: Rennselaer D., Walter C., Mary D., Eugene O., Charles H., Leander H., Ellen E., Allison U., and Fanny—last two named now living at home assisting their mother in the management of the farm. Mr. Holmes died August 23, 1879, universally respected and much lamented.

EBENEZER HUNT, retired farmer, P. O. Lyona, was born in Washington County, Vt., May 28, 1796; son of David and Sarah (Otis) Hunt, of English descent and connected with the early history of Massachusetts. They were the parents of nine children, of whom Ebenezer is third. The educational privileges of our subject were limited, and at the age of nineteen he decided to try his fortune in the far West. Coming to Erie County, Penn., he in same year moved to Meadville, and in 1817, in company with his brother, came to Richmond Township, of which he is recognized the real pioneer, being the oldest living land-mark to tell the tale of the hardships and privations incident to pioneer life in the wilds. Owing to new divisions of the townships, Mr. Hunt has lived in three, yet has never moved. He has always been a hard-working man and has helped to clear over 200 acres of land. In spite of his patriarchal age, he is still hale and healthy. Our subject for over half a century has been a consistent member of the Baptist Church. He was married September 18, 1824, to Lovina Hatch, a native of Whitehall, N. Y., born in 1800. She was the mother of nine children. Her death occurred in July, 1865

ZEPHANIAH E. KINGSLEY, Postmaster and general merchant, New Richmond, was born in Townville, this county, October 30, 1854; son of Edgar and Polly (Altenburg) Kingsley, natives of New York, now living near Townville, and whose parents were among the early settlers of Steuben Township, this county. Our subject, who is second in a family of six children, received his education at the common and select schools of the county, and the college at Meadville, finishing with a commercial course. In 1876 he commenced life as a merchant, at Townville, where he remained three years. Selling out his business interest there, Mr. Kingsley came to New Richmond, where he again embarked in mercantile pursuits, and has an excellent store, stocked with a general line of groceries and all articles required by the farming community generally. He has succeeded in gaining a large and lucrative trade, the result of energy, enterprise and close attention to business. On September 6, 1880, our subject was appointed Postmaster of New Richmond, an office he still holds; is also Township Treasurer. He was married September 21,1876, to Miss Mary E. Barlow, born in this county, July 25, 1855, and the result of this union are two children: Ivy and Joe. Mr. Kingsley is a member of the I. O. O. F., No. 929, at Townville. In politics is a Republican.

JOHN McFADDEN, farmer, P. O. Little Cooley, is a native of Randolph Township, this county, born September 2, 1828; son of Thomas and Sarah (Cameron) McFadden, natives of this county. They were parents of nine children, of whom John is second. Our subject received but a limited education, as he had to work hard in his younger days, and at the age of sixteen could neither read nor write. He has been a farmer most of his life, and in connection, has worked at the trade of carpenter and joiner and also at teaming in the oil regions. In 1854 he purchased the farm on which he now resides, and which he has placed under a high state of cultivation. Mr. McFadden was married, in 1850, to Miss Harriet N. Howk, born in Lorain County, Ohio, July 3, 1833, and daughter of Lyman and Laura (Heath) Howk, natives of Massachusetts (both now deceased). To this union were born eleven children, nine now living, viz.: Lyman A., John A., Thomas L., Jay W., Laura A., all living in York Township, Stafford Co., Kan.; Abraham L., Elmer G., Hattie N., and Sadie A. Those deceased are Charles C., and Ardie S. Our subject is an energetic, enterprising man and has made all his property by industry and perseverance. He has been connected with the United Brethren in Christ Church for about twenty years, was six years a member of the Erie Annual Conference, and eight years with the Zion Church; is also a member of the Annual Conference.

JAMES McFADEN, merchant, P. O. New Richmond, was born in Greenwood Township, this county, August 29, 1824; son of William and Sarah McFaden. Our subject's early life was spent on the farm, and it may be said of his education, that, with the exception of two months spent in the common schools, it was obtained mainly from observation and contact with the world. When fifteen years of age he came with his parents to Richmond Township, this county, and, young as he was, assisted in cutting most of the roads running each way from New Richmond. Mr. McFaden remained at home until he was twenty-seven years of age and then engaged in farming for his own account until May, 1877, when he abandoned that occupation and commenced merchandising in New Richmond. He has here a general store well stocked with groceries and all goods required by the farming community. Our subject has been twice married; on first occasion to Miss Jane Adams, who died in 1878, leaving four children all grown up. Mr. McFaden then married, September 17, 1879, Miss Metta Hamilton, a native of this county, born in 1847. He served as Postmaster of New Richmond three years and has held several township offices; was an active member of the Grange eight years.

DAVID LATHEN MACKEY, retired farmer, P. O. Cambridgeboro, was born in Otsego County, N. Y., October 8, 1812; son of Elias and Annie Mackey. He received a common school education, and in 1835 came to Crawford County, Penn., as an apprentice to the mill-wright trade, an occupation he followed many years. In 1842 he settled on the farm where he now lives, cutting a home for himself and wife out of the forest. Mr. Mackey was married, January 1, 1840, to Miss Sarah Ann Polly, a native of Jefferson County, N. Y., born June 27, 1816. One child was born to this union, Libbie C., wife of Taylor E. Burt, a native of this county, now living with Mr. Mackey. The farm of our subject is under a high state of cultivation and well supplied with necessary buildings. Mr. Mackey has retired from active labor, but still preserves a lively interest in the cultivation of bees, in which industry he is the most prominent in the county, having ninety swarms, which during the honey season require his whole attention. He has served as Justice of the Peace four terms of five years each, and has at all times taken an interest in county improvements, especially those tending to the advancement of religious and educational privileges.

THOMAS H. MILES, farmer, P. O. New Richmond, was born in New Haven, Conn., February 14, 1815; son of Capt. George and Polly (Storer) Miles, also natives of New Haven, parents of seven children. Capt. George Miles who was an old salt-water sailor, came out here in 1817, became a fresh-water sailor, and was for many years a lake Captain, one of his vessels being the steamboat "Pioneer," the second steamboat to sail the lakes. During the war of 1812–1814, the vessel he was on board of, while on a trip between New York and New Haven, was captured by a British man-of-war. The ship and cargo were released on payment of $8,000 in cash, and the Captain, who was our subject's grandfather, was permitted to go to New Haven to procure the necessary funds while the passengers and crew were paroled. The following is a copy of the parole of honor of our subject's father: "Having captured George Miles, passenger on the sloop 'Susan,' of New Haven, with others, on the 10th inst., all of whom are of course prisoners of war, and being willing so far to mitigate the rigors of war, with respects to him, as to exempt him from personal imprisonment on the express condition, he has this day solemnly subscribed to, whereby he has pledged his most sacred word and honor, as an honest man and Christian, not to serve against Great Britain, her dependences or her allies, until regularly exchanged. Given under my hand on board of his Brittanic Majesty's ship, 'Pomona,' off Plum Island, October 17, 1814. 'Cartinet.'" In the summer of 1836 Capt. George Miles raised two of the vessels that were captured by Commodore Perry in the fight on Lake Erie, and which were sunk at the time in Erie Bay, where they had lain ever since. They were the bark "Detroit" and the brig "Queen Charlotte." Capt. Miles took command of the "Detroit" and in the following November conveyed her into the port of Chicago with the stars and stripes flying at her mast-head, having a cargo of 5,000 barrels of salt at $5.00 per barrel, and in this event the Captain used to say he had much satisfaction, as it was a good set-off to his own capture, years before, by the Britishers. He died in 1863. His wife died about 1840. Our subject, who is fourth in the family, for many years followed sailing both on the ocean and the lakes. At the time when there were but two full-rigged ships on the lakes, he sailed in one of them, the "Milwaukee." On May 14, 1834, he was in a boat with ten others on the Bay of Erie, conveying passengers to a steamer, when the boat capsized, drowning all but two, one of the saved being Mr. Miles. Since 1850 our subject has turned his attention to farming on the old homestead, assisted by his son George W. He was married, January 3, 1856, to Miss Henrietta M. Brown, also a native of New Haven, Conn., born March 26, 1829. Two children were the result of this union: William B. (deceased in infancy), and George W.

MORRISON SAYRE, farmer, P. O. New Richmond, is a native of Crawford County, Penn., born May 25, 1857; son of James and Martha (McClaughry) Sayre, the former of whom was killed in the battle of the Wilderness; the latter is now living in Rush County, Kan. They were parents of five children, viz.: Laverne, wife of A. Johnson; Nettie, wife of H. S. Phillips; Arvilla (deceased), Alice (deceased), and Morrison. The last named was married October 10, 1877, to Eliza, daughter of F. M. Hamilton, born March 31, 1858. By this union is one child—Victor. Mr. Sayre acted as Township Treasurer four years; in politics he is a Republican. He still owns 125 acres of the original homestead tract. James Sayre was a man who gained the good-will of all, and his loss was felt by the entire community as well as by his own family.

PHILANDER MORSE, farmer, P. O. New Richmond, was born January 26, 1819, in Chautauqua County, N. Y., and came to Richmond Township, this

county, in 1840, with his parents, and there he lived for some time within 200 rods of his present place of residence. He has witnessed the development of the township until the land became nearly all under cultivation, and he can scarcely recall when the metamorphosis from a wilderness to a fertile agricultural garden took place. His education was limited, and he early entered upon his career in life as a farmer, which occupation he has always followed. Mr. Morse was married, July 25, 1841, to Miss Jane Fosburgh, born in New York, November 25, 1820. Three children were born to this union, one now living —Willis—assisting his father on the farm. Our subject takes a lively interest in all enterprises tending to the good of the county. He is not identified with any religious denomination, but attends meetings. In politics he is a Democrat.

WILLIAM MORSE, retired farmer, P. O. New Richmond, was born in Ripley, Chautauqua Co., N. Y., October 24, 1820, son of Artemus and Amy (Benedick) Morse. The father was a native of Vermont, but removed to Ripley, N. Y., in 1814, and died when our subject was but nine years old. The mother was raised in Montgomery County, N. Y., and died in Richmond Township, this county, in her eighty-ninth year. She was a devoted Christian, and a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church seventy years. Our subject received a common school education at Ripley, and in 1837 he came to Crawford County, to learn the trade of tanner, in John Brown's tannery, where he remained six months, then returned to his home in New York. In 1839 our subject again took up his residence in this county, served three years at the tanning and currying trade, and earned the money with which he bought ten acres of land, partly in following that trade and partly in shoe-making and laboring on the farm. Mr. Morse was married, August 25, 1841, to Miss Lydia Lambertson, born in Tompkins County, N. Y., July 14, 1824. Nine children have been born to this union, four now living: Harriett F., Amy S., Frank W. and Ella. Our subject has owned his present place of residence since 1841, and now has in land 550 acres, of which 250 are under cultivation. From a certain point on his farm can be seen seven churches. He was one of the founders of the Keystone Creamery, built in 1868, the second factory in the county, and which for eight years did a very extensive business. Mr. Morse has retired from active labor, and his grounds and factory are operated by others. During the war of the Rebellion he filled the orders for substitutes and furnished thirty men. Our subject has been a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church forty-nine years, and Sunday-school Superintendent almost continually for forty years.

JAMES MORSE, farmer, P. O. Cambridgeboro, was born in Chautauqua County, N. Y., April 22, 1828, and when eleven years old came with his parents to Richmond Township, this county, where his early life was spent in assisting on the farm. His education was very limited, almost his entire schooling being obtained during the winters when he was twenty and twenty-one years of age. Being the youngest in the family, and all the others having commenced life for themselves, the care of the father and mother devolved on him, and since their deaths he has remained on the old homestead, where he carries on farming in all its branches, dealing more or less extensively in stock. Mr. Morse was married, January 28, 1857, to Miss Hannah Landon, born in Chautauqua County, N. Y., December 23, 1827. One child is the result of this union —Alice E.—wife of Fred Root, a young farmer of Richmond Township, this county. Our subject's land interests are quite extensive, he having by energy and economy acquired some 700 acres. Mr. Morse has held several minor township offices. Has been an active member of the Methodist Episcopal Church at North Richmond for over thirty-three years.

DAMON BUEL PINNEY, retired farmer, P. O. Woodcock, was born in Litchfield County, Conn., February 11, 1807. In 1836 he came to Erie County, Penn., and following year moved to the farm where he now lives. He received a common school education and entered at once into the occupation he has always followed. He is now retired from active labor, and the work of the farm is carried on, under his directions, by his two sons, Albert Grover and Samuel C. Mr. Pinney has been twice married, on first occasion in Colebrook, Conn., January 12, 1830, to Miss Sarah Pendleton, a native of Rhode Island, born January 5, 1810, died May 24, 1850, leaving six children, all now living: Michael S., Hobart B., Mary E., Adell, Orville F. and Albert G. In 1851 our subject married Miss Mary Griswold, who died in 1867. She bore him two children: Samuel C. and Hattie D., both living. Our subject has always been an industrious, enterprising man, and has accumulated a large property. He is still hale and hearty, and bids fair to enjoy for many years the fruits of his labor and of a well-spent life.

SAMUEL POLLEY, farmer, P. O. Cambridgeboro, was born at Ellisburg, Jefferson Co., N. Y., May 23, 1818, son of Orin A. and Clarissa Polley, former of whom, a prominent man in his day, lived to be ninety-four years, eight months, fifteen days old; latter died aged seventy-five. Our subject received a limited education and commenced life as a carpenter, a trade he followed for nearly twenty years, when he turned his attention to agricultural pursuits. The first frame building he ever erected still stands on his farm. In April, 1834, he came with his parents to Richmond Township, this county. They cut their way to the farm from Mr. Swift's place, and their wagon was the first to travel from there to a point three miles beyond. At that early day shingles passed as money, and Mr. Polley has hauled many loads on his father's wagon to Erie for the neighbors, and made purchases for them. He remembers paying as high as $1.50 per bushel for corn, and receiving that amount for a bunch of 1,000 shingles. Our subject was married January 16, 1844, to Miss Mary Hotchkiss, born at Hampton, N. Y., in October, 1823. Three children, now living, are the result of this union: William, Etta and Orin D., latter residing at home. In politics Mr. Polley is a Republican.

WILLIAM JEROME RICHARDSON, deceased, was a native of the State of New York, born April 14, 1835. He was by trade a carpenter and blacksmith, at which occupation he worked in connection with his farm. Our subject was married December 25, 1857, to Miss Sarah Rainey, born in this county, December 25, 1837, and the result of this union is three children: Fred, Lee and Madge, the sons being both millers. Mr. Richardson was a valued member of the Grange at New Richmond, and an energetic, enterprising man, a loving husband and a kind father, highly esteemed by all who knew him. He died January 3, 1882. Mrs. Richardson still remains on the farm, which is under her management. She makes no specialties, but grows the usual crops.

WILLIAM SALEN, retired farmer, P. O. Cambridgeboro, was born October 10, 1804. Owing to the loss of the records, there is some dispute as to the actual birthplace of Mr. Salen. He has been told that he was a native of Germany, but thinks he was born in Lehigh County, Penn. He came to the place where he now lives in 1840 and cleared his own farm. He was married in 1830 to Miss Hettie Moyer, a native of Lehigh County, Penn., and to this union were born eleven children, viz.: Sally (deceased), Helena, Angeline, Catherine (deceased), Peter, William, Jonathan W., Lewis, Esther (deceased), Mary, George (deceased). Mrs. Salen died in 1870. Our subject is a member of the Reformed Church. He is now retired from active labor and

the management of the homestead farm has devolved on his son Lewis, who owns the farm adjoining. Lewis was born March 9, 1848, and married February 4, 1873, to Miss Sarah A. Perry, born in Richmond Township, this county, in April, 1856. The result of this union is five children: Delbert, Charles, Luella, Anna and William.

JOHN R. SANDERSON, farmer, P. O. Lyona, is a native of Genesee County, N. Y., born October 29, 1835; son of Nelson and Betsy Louisa Sanderson, the former a native of Vermont, now residing in Missouri; the latter a native of New York, deceased. They had a family of ten children, of whom John R. is third. Our subject came to Woodcock Township, this county, with his parents in 1846, and there obtained a common school education. He worked as a day laborer until he was twenty-two years of age, then commenced to learn the trade of stone-mason, which occupation he followed twelve years; also worked at the cooper's trade about five years. In 1873 Mr. Sanderson purchased his farm of seventy-one acres, where he now lives, and here he carries on general farming, and deals in live stock—buying and selling. He enlisted in Company B, Twelfth Pennsylvania Volunteer Cavalry, Lieut. Dan Lewis, under command of Col. Pierce, serving about fifteen months. He participated in several engagements; was taken prisoner near Charleston, Va., and was confined in Andersonville and Florence prisons. Mr. Sanderson was married in October, 1859, to Ellen, daughter of Nelson (deceased) and Mary (Perrington) Odell, and a native of Allegany County, N. Y. Four children were born to this union: William, Virgil, Matie and Ada, the last-named deceased. Our subject has been Collector and School Director in the township; is a member of the Grange at New Richmond. In politics is Independent with a leaning toward the Republican party.

JOSEPH SAYRE, farmer, P. O. New Richmond, is a native of Essex County, N. J., born September 1, 1819; son of John and Catharine (Thorp) Sayre, natives of New Jersey, and settlers in 1842 of North Shenango Township, this county. They came to this State in a one-horse wagon and in going over a portion of the Allegheny Mountains Mrs. Sayre pushed behind to assist the horse. They finally settled in Richmond Township, this county, in 1837, and here, February 22, 1876, John died, and February 8, 1883, his widow followed him. The last few years of her life were spent with her son Joseph, where she found kind hands ever ready to administer to her comfort. She joined the Baptist Church many years prior to her demise, and always lived a consistent, exemplary Christian life. Coming to this county when it was a perfect wilderness, it was no uncommon occurrence for her to carry a sack of corn several miles to be ground, and the father carried a bushel of corn thirty miles on his back for the family. They were parents of ten children, viz.: Joseph, Sallie, James, Susan, John, William, Isaac, Thompson, Prawl and Mary. One time our subject, after the family came to Richmond Township, was taken sick, and his father being absent at work, his mother took Joseph and his sister Sallie and started with them to a neighbor's house about three-quarters of a mile distant, with a foot of snow on the ground, but being dead tired out, she took off her skirt, wrapped Sallie in it, and having dug a hole in the snow placed her there, then carried our subject to the neighbor's and went back for his sister. The father of our subject was drafted in the war of 1812-and his father, Joseph, hired a substitute. The subject of this sketch was educated in the log-cabin of those primitive days, and brought up on a farm. He was married in 1842 to Sylvia, daughter of Levi and Amanda Beardsley, natives of New York; the former deceased. The latter was born in Genesee County, N. Y., in 1827 and came with her parents to this county in 1837, settling in

Athens Township; she now resides with her daughter, Mrs. Joseph Sayre. They were parents of eight children, viz.: Lurany, Philura, Lorena, Sylvia, Sallie, James, Helen and Ezra. Levi Beardsley was a merchant in New York State, and a miller and farmer in Pennsylvania. To our subject and wife were born three children, one now living—Levi—married to Minerva Lyon; they have two children: Joseph L. and Leona. Mr. Sayre has been Township Assessor, Auditor, Supervisor, School Director and has filled other offices; in politics he is a Republican. He and his wife are members of the Baptist Church, in which he is a Deacon. During the Rebellion he enlisted in Company G, Fifty-sixth Pennsylvania Volunteer Militia, and served till the close of the war. He is owner of 100 acres of well-improved land with good water and other essentials, of which little fortune he is the artificer, besides some $4,000 which he gave to his children.

WILLIAM SAYRE (deceased) was born in this county, son of John and Catharine (Thorp) Sayre. (See biography of Joseph Sayre above.) Our subject was a prominent farmer and stock-grower. His farm was always well cultivated, and is to-day a standing testimony to his enterprise and industry. He died in 1881. He was married to Miss Sarah Willey, now living, who bore him four children: Nicholas W.: Rosetta, wife of Robert Lingo, a farmer of Richmond Township; Catharine, wife of Bert Hawthorne, a farmer residing at Townville, this county, and James. Nicholas W. lives on the old homestead, and is considered an enterprising, industrious young man, destined to become one of the leading substantial farmers of this township.

ISAAC SAYRE, farmer, P. O. New Richmond, was born December 27, 1829, in North Shenango Township, this county, son of John and Catherine (Thorp) Sayre. He received his school training in the old log-cabin so common in those early days, and began life for himself as a farmer when twenty-one years old. His present farm was then a wilderness, but he cleared every rod of it, and all the timber now standing is second growth. Mr. Sayre married, in 1851, Betsy A. Willey, and by her had six children, four now living, viz.: Alice, Sylva, Jennie and Gertrude. The deceased are Frank and Anna. Mrs. Sayre died in March, 1869, and Mr. Sayre then married Dinah Hunt, who bore him six children: J. W., Hattie M., Luna E., John, Monetta and Maggie. Our subject enlisted during the Rebellion in Company B, Eighteenth Pennsylvania Cavalry, serving from September 13, 1863, to July 29, 1865. He was in several engagements, and at the battle of Gettysburg was shot through the right foot, which has made him a cripple for life. This occurred in the same charge in which Gen. Farnsworth was killed. While in the service he contracted a throat affection which troubles him considerably. Mr. Sayre has been Township Assessor, Assistant Collector, and Return Judge of Elections. Has held offices in the order of the A. O. U. W. He has been a member of the Baptist Church since he was twenty-one years old. In politics is a stanch Republican. When fourteen years of age he walked barefooted four miles to hear Judge Pettis make a Republican speech.

JUDSON E. SAYRE, farmer, P. O. New Richmond, was born on the farm where he now resides August 7, 1851, son of John and Lucy (Stewart) Sayre, natives of Pennsylvania, and early settlers of Richmond Township, this county, former deceased, latter now living with our subject. John Sayre was, in his day, one of the most prominent men in the county, a consistent Christian, hard-working man, esteemed and respected by all who knew him, and his death universally mourned. In the few years he lived in Richmond Township he cleared for himself nearly 200 acres of land. He gave his life to save the Union, having been killed at the battle of the Wilderness during the war of

the Rebellion. The subject of this sketch was educated at the common schools during winter, and in summer was employed on the homestead farm. Being the only child, and a mere boy when his father died, he remained at home, and eventually took charge of the home farm, part of which he inherited when he came of age. He deals extensively in stock, buying and selling, and is the only one in his neighborhood who has at the present time any thoroughbreds. His herd consists of one bull, registered as Winfield; one heifer, registered as Crawford Rose; one cow, registered as Perena; one full-blooded calf, not registered; three cows and three calves, half-blooded, besides a flock of sheep with lambs equal to any in the county. Mr. Sayre married, July 2, 1870, Miss Eva, daughter of Fayette Delamater, of New Richmond, this county, born February 22, 1852. He is an active member of the A. O. U. W.

JOSEPH N. SCOTT, farmer, P. O. New Richmond, was born in Venango Township, this county, June 28, 1838, son of William and Mary (Skelton) Scott, former a native of Whitehall, N. Y., born May 3, 1811, came to this county in 1824, a farmer by occupation and still living; latter a native of this county born April 7, 1819, died June 21, 1880. They were parents of eight children, of whom Joseph N. is second. Our subject received a limited education, and commenced life for himself as a day laborer in a saw-mill, where he soon became head sawyer. In connection with his farm he followed lumbering and milling until about two years ago. He moved to his farm in Richmond Township, this county, in 1859. On January 1, 1867, he was married to Catherine Gray, born February 9, 1843, and by this union there are two children: Burt D. and Alton M. Mr. Scott has held several of the minor township offices, and is at present a Justice of the Peace elected in 1882. Is a charter member of the A. O. U. W. at New Richmond. Politically he has always been recognized as a Democrat, but contends that he is no party man, voting only for men and principles.

ROBERT SMITH (deceased) was born in Crawford County, Penn., January 20, 1813, and always lived here, son of George and Charlotte Smith. Early in life he learned the trade of millwright, which occupation he followed for several years, but his health failing, he eventually turned his attention to farming, at which he continued up to the time of his death. Our subject was a very energetic and enterprising man, fully alive to the interests of his native county, and he always took an active part in any undertaking tending to its development. He died July 20, 1882, deeply mourned by his widow, son and daughter and all who knew him, having been during his entire lifetime highly esteemed and revered. He married, September 17, 1847, Barbara Rust, also a native of this county, born July 28, 1814, who bore him two children: Charlotta, wife of Amos Johnson, and George H., born May 12, 1850, a farmer, living on the old homestead. The appearance of the farm denotes George H. to be a diligent, wide-awake man, destined to become a successful husbandman. In politics he is a Democrat. He was married January 1, 1874, to Miss Carrie Hamilton, born in this county July 10, 1856, and daughter of Francis and Mary (Howk) Hamilton, natives of Lorain County, Ohio, and early settlers of Crawford County, Penn.

WILLIAM SMITH, farmer, P. O. New Richmond, was born in Clarion County, Penn., March 10, 1829, son of Joseph and Elizabeth (Ishawood) Smith, former a native of Ireland, latter of English descent. Our subject received a common school education and commenced life on the farm, in which occupation he has met with more than ordinary success, and by energy and industry has accumulated a fine farm property, well-improved and stocked, furnished with a large and commodious residence, besides substantial barns and out-

buildings. Mr. Smith was married in 1854 to Miss Jane Boreland, also a native of Clarion County, Penn., who bore him six children, viz.: Clifton C., Burwell, McClellan, Frank, James and Wade, all living.

ORRIN SWIFT, farmer, P. O. New Richmond, was born in Woodcock Township, this county, November 17, 1825; son of Dean and Beedie (Waters) Swift, former a native of Vermont, latter of Connecticut. His educational privileges were limited to the common schools of the neighborhood, where he spent his boyhood days. He learned no trade or profession, but chose the occupation of a farmer. Mr. Swift moved on his present farm in Richmond Township in 1858, and he has met with success in all his undertakings. He was married July 4, 1859, to Maria Webster, born in this county, by whom he has two children: William Isaac, and Beedie Jane, wife of John Cole, a farmer of Richmond Township, this county.

GEORGE W. TOWNLEY, retired farmer, P. O. Woodcock, was born in Erie County, Penn., May 12, 1810; son of Robert and Mary (Brown) Townley, former a native of Ireland, born April 14, 1777, came to America in 1797, settling in Erie County, Penn. He was a mechanic and school teacher. His death occurred October 22, 1861. His wife was born in Lycoming County, Penn., in May, 1778, and died in 1862. In May, 1821, our subject came to Crawford County with six brothers, four of whom settled and cleared farms in Richmond Township. Owing to our subject having to go five miles to school, his education was limited. He was a farmer and raised stock extensively; has 400 acres of land, nearly all under cultivation, but is now retired, the homestead farm being under the management of his son Leon. Mr. Townley was married February 25, 1838, to Miss Lydia Erwin, born in this county February 25, 1815. To this union were born three sons and five daughters, all now living, viz.: Emeline, Martha, Mary Ann, Ellen, Kate, Leonard, Leon and Lynn. Our subject has always taken a lively interest in all county improvements, and has taken an active part in bringing it to its present state of development.

CYRUS TOWNLEY, farmer, P. O. Woodcock, was born on the farm where he now lives in Richmond Township, this county, July 16, 1837, son of Harvey and Betsy (Lytle) Townley; former a farmer and early settler of Richmond Township, died November 5, 1875, latter a native of Erie County, Penn., died July 5, 1879. They were parents of seven children. Our subject, who is third in the family, was educated in the common schools, has followed farming as a life occupation, and in connection deals largely in live-stock, buying and selling. He is part owner of the imported Percheron stallion Alencon, and is justly recognized as one of the substantial farmers of the county, and highly esteemed. Mr. Townley was married in August, 1863, to Miss Adelaide Turner, born in this township. Three children were the result of this union: Maud A., Clyde E. and Mary A. Our subject is a Director in the Farmers Mutual Insurance Company. Is a member of Covenant Lodge, 473, A. Y. M., at Cambridge, and a member of the A. O. U. W. at New Richmond.

ALEXANDER M. TOWNLEY, farmer, P. O. Woodcock, was born in Richmond Township, this county, April 28, 1848; son of John B. and Priscilla Townley, the father a native of Erie County, Penn., one of the early settlers of Crawford County, born in 1807, died in Florida, February 8, 1883; the mother, also a native of Erie County, Penn., died in 1850. They were parents of eight children, five now living, of whom Alexander M. is the youngest. The early life of our subject was spent in attending the common schools and in rendering what assistance he could on the homestead farm where he has always lived

and where he now carries on general farming in all its branches. He deals extensively in stock and is owner of the celebrated Durham bull, Bell Duke. Mr. Townley was married October 18, 1877, to Miss Nattie Wilson, born in Woodcock Township, this county, in 1858, and to this union was born, January 13, 1884, one child, William Bell. Our subject justly bears the reputation of being an industrious and enterprising man, highly esteemed by all who know him.

ABRAHAM WARD, farmer, P. O. New Richmond, is a native of Cussewago Township, this county, born May 22, 1818, and son of William and Betsey (Lanphir) Ward. His school training was obtained in the old log schoolhouse of the early days, and he commenced life as a farmer, an occupation he has followed without intermission, working, in connection, at his trade of carpenter and joiner. In 1855 he came to Richmond Township, where he cleared a farm of eighty-eight acres of choice land, which he has placed under a high state of cultivation. Mr. Ward was married in 1856 to Miss Maria Bradford, who died in 1863, leaving three children, only one of whom is now living—William W. Our subject then married, in 1864, Miss Mary Miller, a native of Ireland, and who was brought to America when about six years of age. Mr. Ward is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, New Richmond, and the Grange at same place.

WILLIAM WILLIS, farmer, P. O. Woodcock, was born in this county, November 27, 1808, and came to his present place of residence in 1836, where he has cleared a farm of forty acres. His parents were Isaac and Rachal (Wilson) Willis, former a native of Chester County, Penn., born in 1763; latter a native of Maryland, born in 1776. When our subject was twenty-one years old his father died, leaving him with a family of six to support. At that early day he had to carry his grist to mill on his back. In 1833 Mr. Willis was married to Miss Jane Hutchison, who died February 4, 1864. She was the mother of seven children. Mr. Willis, for his second wife, married, July 3, 1866, Mrs. Mary Ewer, a native of Lehigh County, Penn., born November 25, 1825. Our subject has retired from active labor, although the farm is still managed under his personal direction. He operates a small dairy and grows the ordinary farm crops.

JESSE WINANS (deceased) was born in Portage County, Ohio, son of Jacob and Catharine Winans, natives of eastern Pennsylvania. They moved to Portage County, Ohio, at an early date, and from there came to this county, where they died at advanced ages, he being ninety-three years old. Our subject came to Richmond Township in 1839, and bought the farm where his death occurred January 13, 1883. His farm was left to the management of his sons, while he worked at his trade, that of carpenter and joiner. He was a man highly esteemed and universally mourned by all who knew him. Several years prior to his death he became a member of the Baptist Church. In politics he took much interest and was a strong Republican. During the Rebellion he sent six sons to fight for the Union, of whom only three returned home. Our subject was married to Miss Rachel Gray, a native of Pennsylvania, now living on the old homestead, and to this union were born thirteen children, viz.: Samuel, John, Eliza, James, David, Jason, Echadwick, William, Eleanor, Lydia, Boyd, Olive and Emma. James, David and Jason died in the army during the Rebellion. Boyd is at home, a school teacher by profession, born July 19, 1854, married November 2, 1883. William was born November 15, 1848; resides on the homestead, is an energetic and enterprising young farmer; was married September 22, 1883, to Anna Frost, a native of Richmond Township, this county, born in 1859.

ALBERT V. WINANS, farmer, P. O. Townville, was born in Richmond Township, this county, April 5, 1853, son of A. R. Winans, who was born in Trumbull County, Ohio, September 19, 1824, only child of James and Polly (Frankfather) Winans, natives of Germany, and early settlers of Trumbull County, Ohio. After the death of his first wife, James was again married, on this occasion to Caroline Hall by whom he had six children, viz.: Alonzo, Jane, Julian, Hannah, Esther and Foretta. A. R. Winans was educated at the Farmington Academy, Ohio, for a Methodist preacher, and for a time exhorted, but he is now a believer in the doctrine of Spiritualism. He was raised on a farm, and in 1847 bought one for himself in Meigs County, Ohio; then, in 1851, removed to his present property of 100 acres in Richmond Township, this county. He was married in 1846 to Jane, daughter of John and Catharine (Cline) Johnston, and by her had nine children, viz.: Mary, wife of Sylvester Osborn; Viola, wife of John Titus; Rebecca, wife of James Carpenter; Albert, Sydney, Elliott, Ellsworth, Sylvester, and James (deceased). He was drafted during the Rebellion, but was discharged on account of sickness. Albert V., our subject, received a common school education and began life as a farmer. In 1881 he purchased a farm, in connection with which he buys and sells produce, his market being Titusville. He was married September 10, 1876, to Miss Flora Franklin, born February 21, 1857, and by this union are three children: Ethel, Mabel and Maud.

CHARLES WINSTON, farmer, P. O. Townville, was born July 14, 1835, in Bristol, Ontario Co., N. Y., son of Horatio and Minerva (Carpenter) Winston, natives of New York, who came to Pennsylvania in 1835, settling in Richmond Township, this county, where Horatio purchased fifty acres of land, at 13 shillings per acre. It is thought he bought this tract before moving his family to same, and came to look up a locality, on foot, in company with his brother Abram, who bought seventy-four acres adjoining in 1834, bringing his family in sleds. The father of Horatio and Abram had settled in this county previous to this. The subject of this sketch is the eldest in a family of seven children, viz.: Charles, Charlotte, Clarissa, Priscilla, Cornelia, Chloe and Alice. The father is deceased, and the mother resides on the old homestead, both members of the Baptist Church. Charles Winston had few educational advantages, and at the age of twenty-one began work for himself. In 1856 he bought a farm of 100 acres from John Reynolds, which he has improved and added to, and after selling part from time to time, has now 140 acres, with excellent buildings, including a barn 50x60 feet, and where he is making a specialty of breeding thoroughbred cattle. Our subject was married, April 21, 1861, to Jeannette, daughter of Daniel and Margaret Hopkins, and the result of this union is three children: Edith, Maud and Clyde. He is a member of the A. O. U. W.; has served in some of the minor township offices where remuneration is not considered.

JOSIAH WILLEY, farmer, P. O. Lyona, was born August 13, 1830; son of James and Sally (Custer) Willey. James was born October 1, 1797, in Massachusetts; became an early settler in Rockdale Township, this county, and came to Richmond Township about 1840, where he is now living with his son on the old homestead. His education was very limited. He was fourteen years old before he ever wore shoes and he experienced all the hardships incident to pioneer life. He was twice married; first occasion, in 1820, to Sally Custer, who died in 1841, leaving eight children, all growing to manhood and womanhood. For his second wife Mr. Willey married Minerva Miller, now living. He has been a member of the Baptist Church nearly half a century. Josiah, the subject of this sketch, received a common school education, has

always followed farming, and is now residing on the homestead, which he assisted his father in placing in its present high state of cultivation, and in 1878 he erected a fine dwelling. During the war of the Rebellion he enlisted in Company K, Seventy-sixth Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, with Capt. Little, remaining in the service twenty-three months; was in several engagements, the most noted being the battle of Pittsburg Landing. Mr. Willey was married January 4, 1856, to Miss Mary E. Glen, born February 25, 1840, and daughter of Simon and Barbara (Rickard) Glen, of German descent and early settlers of Hayfield Township (both now deceased). To this union were born two daughters and two sons: Laura J., Anna, Elmer, and George A. Our subject is a member of Gleeson Post, G. A. R. at Townville.

D. W. WRIGHT, farmer, P. O. Townville, was born at Ashville, N. Y., December 4, 1845; son of William and Elizabeth (Kelso) Wright, natives of New York; former, a stone-mason by trade, is now living in Richmond Township, this county; latter died in 1848. They were parents of nine children, of whom D. W. is the seventh. Our subject had no opportunity of attending school after he was fifteen years old. He came to Richmond Township with his parents about 1859, and twenty years later purchased his farm and embarked in agricultural pursuits, his chief specialty being trading in sheep and cattle, which he ships to New York and Philadelphia. Mr. Wright married, November 7, 1867, Lorania Sayre, who died February 9, 1879, and he then became united in marriage, April 24, 1881, with Ella (Delamater) Akin, born July 21, 1854, and daughter of Fayette and Sarah (Peelman) Delamater. Mr. Wright collected the taxes for 1880 in Richmond Township. Has been a member of the Baptist Church for fifteen years. In politics is a Republican.

ROCKDALE TOWNSHIP.

WILLIAM O. BABCOCK, farmer, P. O. Mill Village, Erie County, was born in Chautauqua County, N. Y. June 16, 1831; son of Asa G. and Rosena (Trask) Babcock, who settled in Rockdale Township, this county, in 1851, on the farm now owned by our subject. They were parents of seven children, viz.: Hannah, wife of Jehiel Devereaux; William O.; Phebe, wife of Samuel A. Way; Nancy, wife of Daniel Carroll; Ellen, wife of Hamilton Armour; Huldah, wife of Charles Henry; and Isaiah. Our subject has been twice married; on first occasion to Sarah, daughter of William Scott, of Richmond Township, this county, by whom he had two children: Charles (deceased) and Willie. His second union, May 16, 1866, was with Martha, daughter of Bradish and Eliza Brown, early settlers of this township. By this union there is one child—Ellen. Mr. Babcock is one of the representative farmers of Rockdale Township; everything about his farm, on which he has resided since 1851, shows thrift and enterprise. In politics he is a stanch Republican.

ASA C. BEEDY, farmer, P. O. Miller's Station, was born in Washington Township, Erie Co., Penn., September 23, 1827; son of Samuel and Betsy (Crosby) Beedy, who settled in Erie County, Penn., in 1817, coming in the spring of 1836 to this (Rockdale) Township, where they lived and died. They located on a farm now owned by George Anderson. Samuel was a son of Jonathan Beedy, of Strafford County, N. H., and was a native of that State. The Beedys were of German descent. Betsy, the wife of Samuel

Beedy, was a daughter of Asa Crosby, of Hanover, N. H., and of English lineage. The children of Samuel Beedy and wife were Matilda, Harriet (Mrs. A. B. Ross), Eliza A. (deceased), Susan (Mrs. Dr. Morgan), Grace (deceased), Rebecca (Mrs. William Johnson), Asa, Winslow (deceased), Josiah (deceased), and Mary. Our subject was married March 26, 1865, to Sarah, daughter of Rev. Willard and Clarissa (Cummings) Stickney, by whom he has had three children: Samuel; Winslow who was accidentally shot by a playmate at school when but six years of age; Grace C., and Winslow R. Our subject has lived on his present farm since 1864; was never a seeker after office; in politics is a Republican.

MILFORD R. BIRCHARD, farmer, P. O. Cambridgeboro, was born in Cambridge Township, this county, March 24, 1832; son of Virgil and Mary (Logue) Birchard and grandson of James Birchard, who settled in that township in 1813. Virgil was twice married, his first wife being Jemima Marcy, by whom he had four children: Gillett, residing in Randolph Township, this county; Zelotus A., of Warren County, Penn.; Eveline, wife of Lorenzo Johnson, of Woodcock, Penn.; and J. Ozro, of Rockdale Township, this county. He had five children by his second wife, Mary Logue, viz.: Milford R.; Adelaide, wife of Amos Kelly; Ellen (deceased), Emily (deceased), and Alzada, wife of Andrew LeFever. Our subject was married June 15, 1865, to Kate, daughter of John and Mary (Brookhauser) Saeger, of this township, who has borne him four children: Cora E., Mamie S., Charlie J., and Florence (deceased). Mr. Birchard has served his township as Justice of the Peace two terms of five years each, and has filled other minor offices; in politics is a Republican.

BURLIN BUNCE, farmer, P. O. Miller's Station, was born in Oneida County, N. Y., August 23, 1827; son of Jacob and Mary A. (Fields) Bunce, who settled in this township in 1843 on the farm now owned by Benjamin Wheeler, and of which they cleared a part, and in 1848 removed to the farm now owned by Charles F. Bunce, making all the improvements on that place. Jacob Bunce was twice married; his first wife, Mary A., daughter of Philip and Phebe (Furman) Fields, of Oneida County, N. Y., was mother of eight children: Burlin, Laura (wife of David Kelly), Oliver, George H. (deceased), Alonzo, Jeremiah (deceased), Louisa (wife of Samuel McCrillis), Rachel A. (deceased). By his second wife, Mrs. Susan (Hammond) Butler, he had six children, viz.: Catherine (wife of C. Wing), Clarissa (wife of Ed. Frost), Sarah H. (deceased), Charles F., Valentine, and Libbie (wife of John Wykoff). Jacob Bunce is still living, in his eightieth year, and resides on the homestead with his son Charles F. Our subject was married November 21, 1848, to Sarah, daughter of Jonathan and Sarah Hammond, of Vernon Township, this county, and to this union were born eight children: John S. (deceased), Maggie A. (wife of James Wilson), Augusta (deceased), Samuel J., Laua F. wife of Eugene Canfield), Lucy S. (wife of David Lisk), Lovina S., James B., and Lizzie R. Mr. Bunce lost his wife by death, February 8, 1882. He has lived on his present farm since 1855. Has held various offices in his township. In politics he is a Democrat. He is a member of the Methodist Church, as was his wife for sixteen years before her death.

WILLIAM CAMPBELL, farmer, P. O. Mill Village, Erie County, was born in Rockdale Township, this county, on the farm where he now resides, March 24, 1822, son of James and Sarah (Lytle) Campbell, who settled in Rockdale Township, this county, in 1818. James was a son of Jane Campbell, who with six children settled in Washington Township, Erie Co., Penn., in 1798, braving all the hardships and trials of pioneer life. He was twice married; on first

occasion to Jane Hamilton, of Venango County, Penn., who bore him one child—James H.—now deceased. His second marriage was with Sarah, daughter of John Lytle, an early settler of Waterford Township, and later of LeBœuf Township, Erie County, who was the first member of the Pennsylvania Legislature from Erie County. To this union were born ten children: John (deceased), Jane (deceased), William, Hannah (deceased), Nancy (living in Waterford), Matthew (in Waterford), George (deceased), Sarah (deceased), Susan (deceased), and Elias, in Rockdale Township, this county. Our subject has also been twice married; on first occasion, July 8, 1845, to Julia, daughter of Cleveland Holmes, of Michigan, who bore him four children: Sarah (deceased), George C. (married to Tillie Youngs), Charles (deceased), and James. His present wife is Helen, daughter of Alexander Hamilton, of Edinboro, Penn., to whom he was married, May 19, 1881. She is a member of the Presbyterian Church, as were also her father and mother, the former of whom died January 14, 1846, aged sixty-eight, and the latter February 10, 1874, at the age of seventy-nine. Mr. Campbell has held various township offices. In politics he is a Republican.

JONATHAN CANFIELD, farmer and dairyman, P. O. Mill Village, Erie County, was born in Hamburg, Erie Co., N. Y., December 25, 1822, son of Dennis and Phebe (Griffin) Canfield, who lived and died there. Our subject purchased the property where he now resides in 1853; settled on it in 1856, and has cleared it and made all the improvements. He was married, December 31, 1849, to Helen P., daughter of Daniel and Susan P. (Ames) Hall, of Brant, Erie Co., N. Y., by whom he has had two children: William F. (drowned while bathing when twenty years of age), and Helen P. Mr. Canfield is a self made man in every sense of the word. When he bought his farm in 1853 he was the possessor of but $30; he is now one of the leading and representative farmers of Crawford County; has always been interested in improvements, and keeps up with the times. Besides attending to his farming interests he operates a cheese factory, at Mill Village, Erie County, which he has carried on successfully since 1879. He is also President, and one of the heaviest stock-holders, of the Farmers Co-operative Bank of Union City, Erie County; has filled all the township offices with the exception of Justice of the Peace and Constable, and is now a candidate for the office of County Commissioner. In politics is a stanch Republican. Mr. Canfield is a member of Union City Grange, and he and his family are adherents of the Methodist Episcopal Church of Mill Village.

HIRAM CANFIELD, farmer and auctioneer, P. O. Mill Village, Erie County, was born in Erie County, N. Y., October 15, 1826, son of Dennis and Phebe (Griffin) Canfield. The former, a soldier of the war of 1812, formerly of Vermont, was a son of Dennis Canfield, who was a soldier of the Revolutionary war. Phebe, his wife, was a daughter of Jonathan Griffin, of East Hamburg, Erie Co., N. Y. Our subject settled in Rockdale Township, in 1854, locating on the farm where he now resides, which he cleared and improved, and on which he has lived ever since, with the exception of six years. He was married, December 18, 1850, to Mary J., daughter of Harvey and Margaret (Miller) Hull, of Chautauqua County, N. Y., and by her has five children: Horace W., married to Catherine Strayer; Mary R., wife of Joseph McLatchey; Vernon P., married to Marion Finney; Ida A., wife of John Flaugh, and Dennis H. Mr. Canfield is now serving as Justice of the Peace; has held various other township offices; in politics is a Democrat. Besides attending to his farming interests he is a licensed auctioneer, and is widely and favorably known as such, not only serving the citizens of his own section, who require his services, but attends to calls in that line in the States of New York, Ohio and Kansas.

JOHN D. DOCTER, farmer, P. O. Miller's Station, was born in Cambridge Township, this county, June 9, 1823, son of James and Mary (Humes) Docter, the former a son of Leonard Docter, who settled in Cambridge Township in 1801, the latter a daughter of James Humes, one of the first settlers of Woodcock Township, this county. Our subject was raised in his native township, where he remained until 1874, when he came to Rockdale Township, this county, and located on the farm where he now resides. He was married June 27, 1850, to Elizabeth, daughter of Norman and Sally (Colter) Thomas. The father was a native of Massachusetts and an early settler of Cambridge Township; the mother was born in Venango Township, this county, daughter of Thomas Colter, who settled there in 1796. Mr. and Mrs. Docter have five children: Phiannah, wife of John Borland; Asher T., married to Caroline Steinhoff; Mary, wife of Joseph Hutson; James E. and John. All are residents of Rockdale Township. Mr. Docter held various township offices during his residence in Cambridge. In politics he is a Democrat.

HANNIBAL H. FINNEY, farmer, P. O. Miller's Station, was born in Rutland County, Vt., November 8, 1816, son of Levi and Orpha P. (Clark) Finney, of that place. Mr. Finney came to this county in 1851 and located in Meadville, where he resided one year, and in the fall of 1852 settled in Rockdale Township, on the farm where he now resides, which comprises 500 acres; about 200 improved, mostly by himself. He was married January 9, 1845, to Mary L., daughter of Abel and Mary (Low) Willoughby, of Shrewsbury, Vt. By this union were ten children: John W., Frank C., Charles (deceased), Darwin A., Fred M., Hannibal H., Jr., Willoughby W., Marion E. (wife of Vernon P. Canfield), George L. and Cassius L. Mr. Finney has been Justice of the Peace of Rockdale Township for two terms. In politics he was formerly a Republican, but is now an advocate of the Greenback doctrine. Besides his farming interests he owns a saw-mill and manufactures lumber, lath and shingles.

DAVID L. FULLERTON, farmer, P. O. Miller's Station, was born in what is now Cambridgeboro, this county, April 2, 1820, son of Bailey and Mary (Humes) Fullerton, and grandson of Thomas Fullerton, who settled in that township in 1797. The father of our subject was married in 1803, and the same year located where Cambridgeboro now stands, and here he resided until his death. He died February 25, 1854, at the age of seventy-four. He was parent of ten children: James, deceased; Bailey K.; Lettie, deceased; John H., deceased; Andrew J.; Polly, deceased; David L.; Joshua, deceased; Samuel, deceased, and Elizabeth. Our subject was married March 18, 1847, to Elizabeth Stokes, of Venango Township, this county. By this union were twelve children: Sarepta, wife of George France; Oscar, now in Iowa; Samuel; Harriet, wife of Alfred Shelhamer; Peirce, in Iowa; Mary, wife of John Peters; Wheeler, deceased; Edie, deceased; Loren K., in Iowa; Jennie, wife of Almer Parker; Kerney and Kate. Mrs. D. L. Fullerton was a daughter of John and Margaret (Peters) Stokes, who settled in Venango Township, this county, in 1804, coming from Union County, Penn. John Stokes, a son of George Stokes, had twelve children: George; Jacob, deceased; John; Polly, deceased; Katherine, deceased; Margaret, Samuel, Susan, William, Catherine E., David H. and Augustus W. (deceased). Mr. Stokes died June 10, 1861, aged eighty-one years; his widow died January 27, 1876, in her ninety-sixth year. Our subject has resided in this township since his marriage, with the exception of one year that he lived in Cambridge. He has held various offices in his township. In politics is a Democrat. Both he and his wife are members of the Presbyterian Church.

ARTHUR JERVIS, farmer, P. O. Cambridgeboro, was born in Armstrong County, Penn., September 27, 1829, son of Thomas R. and Jane (Haughay) Jervis, who settled in Rockdale Township, this county, in 1839, on the farm now owned by our subject, where they lived and died. They were parents of three children: John, Arthur, and Isabel, wife of Jacob Decker, both now deceased. Our subject was married January 9, 1859, to Mary M., daughter of George and Sarah (Spencer) Wilcox, of Rockdale Township, this county, by whom he has had five children: Donna N., wife of Ernest Birchard; Comma, Emmett, Frank, Jimmy, Jennie and Kate. Jimmy and Jennie are deceased. Mr. Jervis occupies a part of the homestead where his father first settled. He is a member of the A. O. U. W. In politics is a Democrat. Both he and his wife are members of the Methodist Church.

DANIEL KELLY, retired farmer, P. O. Miller's Station, was born in Rockdale Township, this county, November 3, 1812, son of Isaac and Hannah (Carnahan) Kelly, who located in Bloomfield Township in 1799, and in 1800 removed to this township, where they spent the remainder of their days. Isaac Kelly was a native of New Jersey, and was married in Northumberland County, Penn., in 1797. He was parent of eight children: James (deceased), John, Sarah (deceased), Polly (deceased), Rachel (deceased), Hannah (deceased) Isaac and Daniel. Our subject was married October 12, 1854, to Martha M., daughter of Hezekiah and Margaret (Spring) Howard, early settlers of Randolph Township, and later of Rockdale Township, this county. By this union there are four children, viz.: DeOmer, DeElmer, Lovina D. and Dorinda V. DeOmer married Hetty, daughter of Isaac and Betsy (Jarvis) Willis, of Rockdale Township, this county. Mrs. Kelly, who was for thirty-three years a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, died March 13, 1875, in her fifty-fifth year. Mr. Kelly has always resided in this township; for the past twenty-six years has been living on his present farm. He has held various township offices. In politics is a Democrat.

JAMES P. KELLY, farmer, P. O. Miller's Station, was born in Rockdale Township, this county, July 27, 1824, son of John and Mary (Langley) Kelly, and grandson of Isaac and Hannah (Carnahan) Kelly, who located in Bloomfield Township, this county, in 1799, and in 1800 settled in this township, where they died. John Kelly, the father of our subject, was the first white child born in Rockdale Township, the date of his birth being September 22, 1800. At the date of this writing, March 1884, he is still living and resides in Cambridgeboro. Our subject was married January 27, 1852, to Mary, daughter of James and Sarah (Willis) Kelley, by whom he has three children: Alveretta, wife of Charles D. Edson (have two children: Zella L. and Bessie); Addie M., and Morris S., who married Carrie Veley. Mr. Kelly is now serving his township as Justice of the Peace, and has held various other offices. In politics he is a Republican.

JOSEPH B. McFADDEN, farmer, P. O. Miller's Station, was born in Cambridge, this county, January 23, 1835, son of John W. and Lodiska S. (Rockwell) McFadden, who settled in Cambridge, this county about 1820. They were parents of nine children: Rebecca (deceased), Catherine (deceased), George, E. W. (deceased), Rebecca N. (wife of John N. Shannce), Joseph B., Hannah F. (wife of A. D. Birchard), John W. and Catherine (wife of Charles Buck). The father, a hatter by trade, during his residence in Cambridge engaged in farming, lumbering, blacksmithing and mercantile pursuits. Our subject lived in Cambridge until 1857, when he came to this township, where he has since resided. He has been twice married; on first occasion, May 10, 1857, to Mary, daughter of John Saeger, one of the first settlers of Saeger-

town, this county. By this union there were four children: Haida (deceased), Charles A., Catherine (wife of Roland Ford), and Minnie. Our subject's present wife, to whom he was married August, 1869, is Emily Siverling, daughter of Christopher Siverling, of Saegertown. They have six children: Mary, Mattie, Emma, Joseph, George and Fred. Mr. McFadden is a Republican in politics; a member of the Cambridge Grange and with his wife an ardent adherent of Zion Church.

JOHN D. McLATCHEY, farmer, P. O. Mill Village, Erie County, was born in Venango County, Penn., April 19, 1839, son of William and Susan (Dale) McLatchey, the former a native of Westmoreland County, Penn., and the latter of Centre County, Penn. His paternal grandfather, Charles McLatchey, of Scotch descent, was a native of Cumberland, and a pioneer of Westmoreland County, Penn. His maternal grandfather, Joseph Dale, of English lineage, was a pioneer of Centre County. William and Susan McLatchey were parents of eleven children, six now living: John D., Elizabeth C., wife of James W. Mitchell; Samuel W.; Emma, wife of William Hull; Joseph F. and William M. Our subject was reared in Venango County, Penn., attending the common schools, and is a graduate of the Iron City Commercial College. He enlisted during the late Rebellion, August, 1861, in Company G, Eighty-third Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, and participated in the siege of Yorktown, seven days' fight before Richmond, battles of Hanover Court House, Middleburg, Fredericksburg, Mine Run, Chancellorsville, Spottsylvania, Gettysburg and the campaign of the Wilderness, in which he was wounded in the right shoulder. After serving for three years and one month, he received an honorable discharge. In 1866 he came to Rockdale Township with his parents; was married January 21, 1868, to Martha R., daughter of Benjamin and Tryphena (Curtis) Throop, of this township. By this union are two children: Ella and Benjamin D. Mr. McLatchey has resided on his present farm since 1872. He has held several township offices, serving one term as School Director. He has always taken an active interest in educational matters. He was Enumerator of the census in 1880. In politics is a Republican.

DANIEL McQUEEN, farmer, P. O. Chapinville, was born in Edinburgh, Scotland, September 20, 1829, son of Donald and Grace (Davidson) McQueen, who settled in Rockdale Township, this county, in 1839, locating on the farm now owned by our subject, which they cleared and improved, and where they died. They were both members of the Presbyterian Church, but after Mr. McQueen's death in 1858, at the age of sixty years, his widow joined the Baptist denomination. She survived until 1879, dying at the age of eighty-three. They were parents of five children: Daniel; Ann (deceased), wife of Jeremiah Mackey; Margaret, wife of Charles Hewell; Alexander, and Jane, wife of Capt. George Harkness. Our subject was married November 18, 1855, to Mary, daughter of Anthony and Lucy (Morton) Mickel, early settlers of this township. By this union there are five children: Byron A., Grace (wife of Lee Black), Mary J., Donald A. and Josephine. Mr. McQueen resides on the old homestead, comprising 100 acres, having purchased the interest of the other heirs. He also owns another farm of 140 acres. He has held various township offices. In politics is a Republican.

HENRY MITCHELL, retired farmer, P. O. Mill Village, Erie County, was born in Le Bœuf Township, Erie Co., Penn., near the Crawford County line, August 30, 1803, son of Nathan and Mary (Cooper) Mitchell, who settled there in 1802. Nathan Mitchell was twice married, his first wife being Mary Cooper, by whom he had a family of six, viz.: Peter, Lysander, William, Henry, Eliza and Cooper. Our subject is the only member of this family now living. For

his second spouse Nathan married Mrs. Mary E. Lyman, by whom he had eight children: Maria, Mary, Jane, Perry, Elizabeth C., Lewis H., George W. and Olive, all deceased but Jane, wife of Christian Straw, of Venango Township, this county. Nathan Mitchell's widow, now (1884) Mrs. Tont Watson, resides on the homestead with our subject. She had five children by her former husband: Robert F., James H., Nathan S., John A. and Mary J. Our subject settled on the farm where he now resides in 1839, it being a part of a tract of land located by his father in 1802. He was married March 8, 1836, to Mary P., daughter of James Hodges, of Cambridge Township, this county, formerly of Vermont. By this union were four children: Nathan, deceased; Abigail, deceased; Sarah, deceased; and Mary, wife of Samuel McLatchey. Mr. Mitchell lost his wife by death October 31, 1882, in her eightieth year. He is a member of the Presbyterian Church of Mill Village, Erie County, and his wife became a member sixty-five years previous to her death.

ELISHA SMITH, farmer, P. O. Brown Hill. was born in Crown Point, Essex Co., N. Y., November 25, 1815, son of Benjamin and Susan (Wilson) Smith, who subsequently lived in Mill Creek Township. Erie Co., Penn. Our subject settled at Brown Hill, Rockdale Township, this county, on the farm where he now resides, in 1838, and was married April 13, 1839, to Jane, daughter of James and Polly (Thompson) Barber, by whom he has had three children: Anvilla, deceased; Mandilla, deceased, and Anne. Mandilla married James C. Leslie, of this township, and had four children: Clyde, Claude, Cassius and Max. Mr. Smith, one of the representatiee farmers of his township, has held several township offices; in politics he is a Republican.

GEORGE L. WEBSTER, farmer, P. O. Cambridgeboro, was born in Cambridge Township, this county, June 13, 1839, son of Lyman and Jane (Willey) Webster, who settled in that township about 1821, together with John Webster, the father of Lyman. They came from Massachusetts. Lyman Webster, who located on the farm now owned by the heirs of Joseph L. Webster, had nine children: James L., deceased; Mary M., wife of Jonathan Russell; Eliza A., wife of George Hart; Clarissa M., wife of Phil Stevens; Abigail P., wife of Dwight Burrows; George L.; Francis G., deceased; Grove F., deceased: and Amos J., deceased. Our subject was married April 29, 1869, to Emma C., daughter of Lyman H. and Hannah (Kelly) Allen, early settlers of Cambridge Township, this county. By this union there are two children: Mertie C. and Rosa M. Mr. Webster always lived in his native township until coming to Rockdale Township in the spring of 1882, when he located on his present farm. Both he and his wife are members of the Presbyterian Church. He is a member of the K. of H.; in politics is a Republican.

GEORGE WILCOX, farmer, P. O. Miller's Station, was born in Granville, Mass., March 13, 1810; son of Eleazer C., and Cynthia (Noble) Wilcox; the former a son of Eleazer C. and Jemima (Munson) Wilcox, natives of Connecticut; the latter a daughter of Eager and Mary (Phelps) Noble. Eleazer C. was born May 20, 1780; was a farmer in Granville, Mass., until 1818, when he removed to Floyd, Oneida Co., N. Y., where he died of dropsy, January 31, 1827. Of the children of this family, all, with their partners in life, are, or have been, members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, except the first wife of Noble Wilcox, who was a Baptist. Of the seventy-four grandchildren of this family, forty-four were living in 1876. During the Civil war three died in the service of their country. Our subject settled in Rockdale Township, in the spring of 1854, on the farm where he yet resides, which comprises about 540 acres located in Rockdale and Richmond Townships. He was married July 24, 1836, to Sarah, daughter of Elijah and Catharine (Boss)

Spencer, of Oneida County, N. Y., by whom he has had eleven children, seven now living, viz.: Mary, wife of Arthur Jervis; Julius M., married to Mary Hotchkiss; Louisa C., wife of George F. McCray; Henry W., married to Lucy Glover; George M., married Adelle Hotchkiss; Sarah E., wife of Walter Blystone; Spencer N., married to Ida Hoag. Mrs. Wilcox is one of eighteen children, five of whom died young. Those now living are Betsy, Philander, Polly, Charles, Sarah, Heman, Joseph, James, Louisa, Matilda, Cynthia, Merrit and Buel. One of the deceased, Matson, was drowned at the age of nine years. Her parents were Methodists, the mother before she was fifteen years old. George Wilcox has been a devoted Christian for over forty-six years, an element in the Methodist Episcopal creed, to which organization his estimable wife has been attached for over fifty years, and the financial interests of the church of their choice have been benefitted by their relationship. As an appreciation of his worth, his neighbors have intrusted Mr. Wilcox with the offices of Township Auditor, School Director, Inspector of Elections, etc. Our subject owns and operates, through his sons, a fine cheese factory, located on his farm. In politics Mr. Wilcox is a Democrat.

D. O. WING, farmer and lumberman, P. O. Miller's Station, was born October 3, 1816, in Albany, N. Y.; son of David and Mariam (Cronkite) Wing, natives, the former of Vermont, the latter of Hoosick, Rensselaer Co., N. Y. They were parents of the following-named children: Submit, Anna, Ora, Mariam, Henrietta, Maria, and D. O. The father, who was a drover, died in 1817. He belonged, at his demise, to the Baptist Church, as did also his widow, who died in 1878 (then wife of William Farwell, by whom she had two children, Betsy and Levi L.). Our subject, being left fatherless when one year old, was subject to the protection of his grandmother, Anna Cronkite, until he was four years old, at which period, his mother having been married to William Farwell, he was taken to their home. His educational advantages were much limited, being such as the log-cabin, with its slab seats and writing desks, and puncheon floor and ancient fire-place afforded. He labored on the farm until twenty years old, when he engaged at Comstock & Bostwick's saw-mill, at Milford, Otsego Co., N. Y., (at the time when it was disputed that a mill could be run by steam), and was appointed assistant sawyer, under George Newton, of Corning, N. Y. Here he continued one year, when he withdrew to Greene County and engaged in the tan bark business, following the same two years, and then worked on a farm one year. In 1836 he came by canal to Buffalo, by lake to Erie City, and by stage to Venango Township, this county, and there took employment in the Kleckner saw-mill, at which he was engaged for four years. While there he built the first house in the village of Venango, soon after having helped to lay out the place. In 1840 Mr. Wing was married to Mary J., daughter of Aretus and Lois (Nubre) Rogers, natives of Vermont and the parents of four children, viz.: Eliza, Mary J., Elias and Mahala. The parents came to this county in 1836, where they died. They were members of the Christian organization. The father was called out in the war of 1812. To this union were born nine children, of whom are now living: Jerome, married to Mary Foster (have two children: William and Jennie; he is a carpenter in Salamanca, N. Y.); Cornelius, married to Kate Bunce (have four children: Adelbert, Sherman, Alta and Della; he was one of the Lincoln Guards stationed at Washington, D. C., for about three years); Levi L., married to Rebecca Hays (have four children: Alma, George, Morris and Dimmis); Loron, married to Emma McCray (have one child, Susan J.; he works on the farm); Charles, married to Mary Smith (have no children; he farms and works in the mill with his father); Melissa, married to Calvin Crow

(have two children, Ina and Orson; he is a farmer). In 1841 Mr. Wing removed to Rockdale Township, this county, where he rented the "Randolph saw-mills," and operated the same with good success. He built many flat-boats and floated his lumber down French Creek to the Allegheny River, thence to Pittsburgh, Penn. At the expiration of seven years he bought a farm of 164 acres and managed the same until 1866, when he gave his entire attention to the old Randolph saw-mills, which he bought in 1864. About the same time he purchased a 500-acre tract of land, heavily timbered, known as the "Donation Lot," presented to Gen. Wayne for his services in the war of 1812. He worked the timber from this land into lumber, and has since added 200 acres more of good timber land. He is preparing the timber for building material, including lumber, laths and shingles, all of which he makes a specialty. Mr. Wing was a Democrat until the formation of the Republican party, since when he has been an out-spoken advocate of Republicanism, and has shown a degree worthy of prominent offices in the gift of his party, but being adverse to office, he has not made any record in that way. He and his estimable wife are worthy members of the Congregational Church of Cambridgeboro. As a thorough representative business man of Crawford County, Mr. Wing has been solicited and consents to have his portrait appear in this history.

JAMES WOODSIDE, farmer, P. O. Miller's Station, was born December 13, 1829, in Erie County, Penn., son of John and Polly (Snell) Woodside, natives of the same State, and parents of twelve children, nine of whom are now living, viz.: James, William, Jane, Charlotte, Robert, Chester, Loretta, Marian and Ellen. Our subject was educated in the county schools, and at the age of seventeen he left home and engaged in a saw-mill known as Marvin's Mill, located in Cambridge Township, this county. At the end of five years he was employed at the "Johnstown mill," and at the expiration of three years he bought the "Purse mill," which he operated for thirteen years with success. Selling his mill he went to Forest County, Penn., and engaged in lumbering and erecting mills for about six years; afterward bought the Isaac Kelley mill in this county, which he operates at the present time. Our subject married, in 1854, Maria Anderson, who bore him two children, both now deceased, as well as their mother. Mr. Woodside married for his second wife, Sarah J. Jervis, but has no issue. He possesses along with his wife about 1300 acres of good land, and is dealing to some extent in cattle. His present residence he erected in 1872. Our subject has served his township in many of the minor offices; has been brought out as a representative for County Commissioner by his political (Greenbacker) party. Is a member of the Cambridge Lodge of A. F. & A. M.

ROME TOWNSHIP.

DANIEL BEMENT (deceased) was born in Southington, Conn., March 10, 1789. He married, October 4, 1812, Miss Nancy Kimball, who was born September 6, 1792, and in 1818 they immigrated to Centreville, Crawford Co., Penn., making the entire journey with an ox-team. Here Mr. Bement carried on his business, that of tanner and currier, for many years, and in later life retired to a farm. Our subject died March 21, 1873, aged eighty-four years;

Mrs. Bement died December 14, 1862, aged seventy years. They were upright pioneer people, and left an honored name to posterity. Their descendants include many of the leading and influential families of Crawford County. Their children are Henry, Mrs. Julia Clark, Silas, Mrs. Nancy Post, George, Joel, Mrs. Miranda Rodier and Frank.

WILLIAM E. BENNETT, farmer, P. O. Spartansburg, was born September 27, 1830, in Ellery, Chautauqua Co., N. Y.; son of Daniel and Dolly (Annis) Bennett. The father, a soldier in the war of 1812, was also a native of Chautauqua County, N. Y., and in 1840 moved to Rome Township, this county, where he cleared and developed his farm. The mother, a native of Vermont, died in 1843, leaving thirteen children; six are now living, viz.: Charles and Ezra in Warren County, Penn.; Milton, in Chautauqua County, N. Y.; William E.; Martha J., widow of P. S. Magee; Mary Ann, wife of Robert Kerr. Four of his sons gave their lives for their country's cause, viz.: Jason, who died from a wound received in the battle of Bull Run; George, reported missing; Wesley, who died from the effects of wounds received in the mine explosion before Petersburg; and John, who died in Andersonville prison. Daniel Bennett subsequently married Mrs. Lydia Rew; he died at Mageetown, February 11, 1883, in his eighty-ninth year. He and all his sons, excepting Ezra, were stanch Democrats. Our subject acquired his education in the limited schools of the home district, and when but thirteen years of age commenced life for himself, and as soon as he had sufficient means accumulated, bought a farm. He was married September 7, 1857, to Emeline Chase, born in this township, January 12, 1837, daughter of John Chase. To this union were born Mary Lucretia, now Mrs. Rowley; John M. C., Lena J., William Henry and two deceased in early childhood. After marriage they settled on the farm on which they have since resided, comprising 140 acres of fertile land. Mr. Bennett is a successful farmer, selling produce from his farm, which brings from $800 to $1,200 annually. He also takes active interest in the improvement of fine stock, having now fifty-seven head of short-horn cattle, and some horses of a superior breed. He prefers to lead a retired life, though he is now filling the office of School Director; he has been a life-long Democrat.

STEPHEN CARROLL, farmer, P. O. Titusville, was born July 24, 1826, in Sandy Lake (now Worth) Township, Mercer Co., Penn. His father, Rev. William Carroll, a Presiding Elder in the Erie Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, was a native of Washington County, Penn., but moved to Mercer County, same State, in an early day; he there married Rachel Sutton, a native of Maryland. They spent one year (1849) in this county, but returned to Mercer County, where they ended their days. They were parents of eleven children. Our subject, the next to the youngest in this family, came to Oil Creek Township, Crawford Co., Penn., in 1847, and erected a saw-mill. In 1850 he located in Rome Township and devoted himself to farming. He was married, November 28, 1849, to Esther, daughter of James Kerr, by whom he had three children: Angie, wife of Mr. Hummer, and two deceased in childhood. During the late war Mr. Carroll enlisted, September 8, 1862, in Company D, Eighteenth Regiment Pennsylvania Volunteer Cavalry, serving in the Army of the Potomac and participated in the engagements at Hanover Court House, Gettysburg, South Mountain and many other of the memorable battles fought in Virginia and Maryland. He was a brave soldier and received an honorable discharge June 6, 1865. He acted as Company Clerk at Cumberland, Md., at the mustering out and is reliable authority for the statement that nearly every survivor of the company was present at the last muster. Since his return he has taken

an active part in political affairs; was elected School Director, Supervisor, Justice of the Peace; appointed May 5, 1879, by Gov. Hoyt, Sealer of Weights and Measures for Crawford County; re-appointed June 12, 1882, and is discharging the duties of this position with credit to himself and to the satisfaction of the community. Squire Carroll has a fine farm of 100 acres well-improved land, and is devoting his attention to the breeding of live stock, having some very fine pure-blooded cattle of the short-horn variety, and was one of the first to introduce this improved grade of cattle in his township.

HENRY CARROLL, farmer, P. O. Centreville, was born January 1, 1837, in Union Township, Erie Co., Penn.; son of M. Carroll, now a resident of Sumner, Iowa. During the late Rebellion, our subject enlisted, August 11, 1862, in the One Hundred and Forty-fifth Regiment, Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, and participated in the battles of Fredericksburg, Cold Harbor and Fort Hill, where he was wounded by a minie ball which resulted in his losing his right arm, and after a long course of treatment in hospital he received an honorable discharge, December, 10, 1864. During his service Mr. Carroll came home on a furlough and was married, October 13, 1863, to Adelia Rice, born in Rome Township, this county, June 16, 1843, daughter of William Rice, by whom he has the following children: Ionia M., Grant S., and Ida A. After the war, Mr. Carroll spent two years, 1868 and 1870, in Iowa and Wisconsin, but finally settled on the old homestead of William Rice, near the edge of Centreville Borough. Mr. Carroll has ever been a Republican, and has taken an active interest in the public affairs of this township, holding most of the offices of this borough. He is a member of the G. A. R.

GILBERT L. CLARK, M. D., physician and surgeon, Centreville, was born in this borough, February 15, 1848; son of the well-known pioneer, James Clark. He received his literary education at the home schools and Allegheny College, Meadville. At twenty-two years of age he began to study medicine with Dr. A. P. Waid, of Centreville; took a preliminary and regular course of lectures at Jefferson Medical College, Philadelphia (1872 and 1873); then engaged in practice with his former preceptor, Dr. Waid; subsequently attended Miami Medical College, Cincinnati, Ohio, receiving the degree of M. D. in 1875; then resumed his practice here. In 1880 he attended an additional course of lectures at Bellevue Hospital Medical College, New York. The Doctor there married, January 12, 1880, Caroline L. Banning (daughter of E. P. Banning, M. D., of that city), by whom he has the following children: Gilbert Ralph, Inez Emily and Grace Elaine. He and wife are members of the Congregational Church. Since marriage the Doctor has continuously practiced his profession in his native place. He is an energetic business man, thoroughly trained in his chosen profession, and by his upright life and scientific attainments has built up for himself a large and prosperous practice.

GARRET BONUM CONOVER, farmer, P. O. Titusville, was born September 26, 1818, in Hunterdon County, N. J.; son of Garret A. and Sarah Conover, who came to Rome Township, this county, November 8, 1832. This place was then a wilderness, and they began at once to clear and develop their farm. After living useful lives they passed to their final reward, honored by all who knew them. They were parents of twelve children; one son, Ralph, was a soldier in the Eighteenth Pennsylvania Volunteer Cavalry, and was killed on the Potomac at Brandy Station. Our subject, the sixth in the family, married, June 5, 1845, Eliza Ann Thompson, born January, 1826, in Oil Creek Township, this county, daughter of John Thompson. By this union were born Mary E., wife of Mr. Phue; John G.; George B., Justice of the Peace, this township; Emma J., wife of Mr. Jones, of Coshocton, Ohio; Fannie; Melvina,

a successful teacher at Grand Valley, Warren Co., Penn.; Katie and Libbie. They also raised Elliott E., son of Ralph Conover. After their marriage they settled where they now live. Mr. Conover has acquired a fine farm of 150 acres of well-improved land besides giving a good start in life to his children, who are all useful and intelligent members of society. He was formerly a Democrat in politics, but is now an advocate of prohibition. Our subject and his wife are believers in the Universalist doctrine, but most of their children belong to the United Presbyterian Church.

JOHN G. CONOVER, farmer, P. O. Titusville, was born in Rome Township, this county, July 1, 1849; son of Garret B. and Eliza Ann (Thompson) Conover. He was educated at the schools of the home district and attended one term at the State Normal School, Edinboro, Penn. In the spring of 1876 he went to the oil regions of Clarion and McKean Counties, Penn., where he remained until 1882. He was united in marriage, June 8, 1881, with Elizabeth, daughter of Charles and Mary J. Stewart. Our subject and wife have a fine farm of 100 acres of well-improved land with good buildings. They are consistent members of the United Presbyterian Church. Mr. Conover, though comparatively a young farmer, has displayed much energy and enterprise, and is highly respected.

GEORGE B. CONOVER, farmer and Justice of the Peace, P. O. Titusville, was born in Rome Township, this county, March 7, 1851; son of Garret B. and Eliza Ann (Thompson) Conover. He acquired his education partly in the schools of the home district, finishing with a term at the State Normal School, Edinboro, Penn. He was married February 17, 1877, to Buena Fuller, born May 8, 1849, in Sparta Township, this county, daughter of Absalom Fuller, one of the first settlers there. They have three children: Coral Isle, John Carlyle, and George Courtney. Mr. Conover was elected Justice of the Peace February, 1882; School Director of Rome Township, February, 1883, and was chosen Secretary of that Board. He is at present candidate for County Commissioner. He supports the Prohibition party and takes great interest in the cause of education and in all efforts conducive to the moral and mental improvement of the community.

JAMES D. COYLE, principal of public school and farmer, Centreville, was born January 19, 1834, in Rome Township, this county. His father, Patrick Coyle, a native of Westmoreland County, Penn., came here with his parents, Roger and Margery Coyle, in 1800, and here married Mary Griffin, a native of Venango County, Penn., and settled in Rome Township, where they spent their lives. They were an upright pioneer people, respected by all who knew them. They were the parents of ten children, six now living: Patrick, Lawrence, Margery (now Mrs. Kerr, of Titusville), Sarah (now Mrs. Beatty, of Ashtabula County, Ohio), Jane (now Mrs. McGee), and James D. Our subject spent the early part of his manhood in the lumber regions on Clarion River, Elk County, Penn. When about thirty years of age he adopted the profession of teacher, for which he had made thorough preparations, attending the State Normal School at Edinboro, Penn. Mr. Coyle taught in all thirty-four terms; in St. Joseph's School, Oil City, Penn., three years; Titusville, one year; Hydetown, one year, and thirteen terms in Centreville, occupying the position as Principal of the public schools here and enjoying an enviable reputation as a faithful, efficient and successful educator. Our subject has been twice married, on the first occasion August 10, 1867, to Lucy Taft, of this township, who died February 27, 1869, leaving a son—Louis—who died September 10, 1870. Mr. Coyle was remarried, October 20, 1873, to Alduma Pierce, and by this union had six children, three living: Lena, Milton,

and Frances. Mr. Coyle has acquired a comfortable home located in the southwest corner of Sparta Township. He and his wife are members of the Roman Catholic Church.

GEORGE DUNLAP, farmer, P. O. Titusville. was born February 19, 1825, in County Londonderry, Ireland. He came to America in 1848, and after spending a few months in New York City and a couple of years at Waterford, Erie County, Penn., finally located at Neilltown, Venango (now Forest) County, Penn., and there married Miss Anna McCandless, March 11, 1853. After living on a farm there for twenty-five years they came to Rome Township. this county, April 1, 1877, settling on the Edmonds farm. They now own a farm of 200 acres of well-improved land. Their children are Mary (wife of Simon Fogle, in Forest County), Andrew M., John J., James R., Ella A., and Robert R. Mr. and Mrs. Dunlap are members of the Reformed Presbyterian Church. He is an honest, upright man, respected by all who know him.

T. S. EICHBAUM, lumberman and manufacturer, P. O. Centreville, was born June 22, 1843, in Allegheny City, Penn., son of William P. and Mary (Sample) Eichbaum. When he was nine years of age he moved to Nashville, Tenn., with his father's family, and when fourteen returned with them to Pittsburgh, Penn., his father being a native of that place, and carrying on an establishment for manufacturing steam engines there. He died in this township in December, 1881, at the residence of his son. His widow and son, William W., now reside at Newcastle, Penn., and another son, George R., resides in Sanborn, Dak. At the breaking-out of the war of the Rebellion, our subject was engaged in the machine shop with his father at Memphis, Tenn. He returned to Pittsburgh, and enlisted in the Fifth Regiment, West Virginia Volunteer Cavalry, and served in the Virginia campaign. Was early promoted to the position of Quartermaster Sergeant, serving as such till the close of his services, in February, 1865, proving himself a brave soldier and an efficient officer. After his return he engaged in the oil business in Virginia and Kentucky. In 1866 he came to the oil regions of Pennsylvania. The following year engaged in lumbering in the eastern part of Rome Township, transferring his establishment in 1879 to Oil Creek, near Centreville, where he has a saw-mill, and manufactures lumber for shipment abroad. Mr. Eichbaum was married May 25, 1869, to Harriet Palmer, of Newcastle, Penn. To this union were born Mary, Carrie, Emily, Jeanette and Hermann. Our subject has first-class business principles, and enjoys the respect and confidence of a large circle of friends. In politics he is a Republican.

RICHARD FARRINGTON, farmer, P. O. Spartansburg, was born January 16, 1836, in Patterson, N. J., son of Richard and Ellen Farrington, the former of whom died in Patterson, and his widow, who subsequently married E. T. Rigby, now resides in Rome Township, this county. Our subject came here in 1850. During the late war he enlisted in 1861 in Company K, Fifty-seventh Regiment Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, and served in the Army of the Potomac. Was taken prisoner at the battle of Gettysburg, and was incarcerated at Staunton, Va., Belle Isle, Andersonville, Savannah and Millen, Ga., being confined in all sixteen months and eighteen days. He was a brave and faithful soldier, and received an honorable discharge January 26, 1865. He was married February 28, 1865, to Elizabeth Bittles, of Waterford, Penn., by whom he had two children: John and Nellie. In 1868 they settled where they now reside. They are both consistent members of the United Presbyterian Church. Mr. Farrington has been industrious and successful in life, having accumulated a farm of 160 acres of well-improved land, with good buildings.

He has been a life-long Republican; takes an active interest in public affairs. Has been elected to the office of Supervisor, and is now serving his second term as School Director of Rome Township.

IRA W. FISH, farmer, P. O. Spartansburg, was born January 27, 1835, in Washington County, N. Y., son of Oatman and Saraph (Burton) Fish, who settled in Sparta Township, this county, in 1840, and there cleared and developed their farm and reared their family. Of their eight children, all excepting two, who are in Erie County, Penn., reside in this county. Mrs. Fish died in 1850, Mr. Fish following her in 1864. They were an honest pioneer people, respected and esteemed by all who knew them. Our subject acquired his education in the limited schools of those early times. He was married September 10, 1857, to Diantha Coyle. They then settled in the woods of this township and began forming their home. To this union were born Saraph (now Mrs. Morris), Leslie, Otto, Ausro, Loren, Fred, Grant and John. Mrs. Fish departed this life November 15, 1881, and Mr. Fish then married, August 16, 1883, Sarah, widow of Hiram Corey (by whom she had two sons: William B. and Lynn Willis), and daughter of John Morgan. She was born in Beaver County, Penn., in 1854, but has been a resident of Crawford County since sixteen years of age. Mr. Fish is an ambitious and successful farmer, having acquired by his own efforts a fine farm of 174 acres of well-improved land. He is a consistent member of the United Brethren Church.

WATERMAN GUY GOODRICH, farmer and lumberman, P. O. Titusville, was born in Rome Township, this county, June 10, 1828; son of Chauncey and Sarah (Shepard) Goodrich, both natives of Connecticut, and who settled in this township in 1819. She departed this life in 1839, and he in 1865. They were an upright pioneer couple, highly respected by all who knew them. Our subject's grandfather and two brothers—Russell and Seymour—were also residents of this township for some years. Waterman G. Goodrich was the youngest of the family, and received his education in the limited schools of those early times. He settled on his present farm in 1850, and became established in the saw-mill on Little Oil Creek with his father. On coming of age he bought out this property. He was married, May 21, 1850, to Elizabeth S. Eldred, who was born in Addison County, Vt., August 26, 1826, and came to Rome Township, this county, in 1841. To this union was born one son—William E.—married to Nettie Gilson, June 28, 1882. Mr. and Mrs. Goodrich adopted Jennie Morris, she being then about eight years of age, and she is still living with them. Mr. Goodrich has added to his property till he now owns 225 acres of land in this and Oil Creek Townships. He is an industrious, enterprising citizen. In his religious views he is a Universalist, extending his good will to all.

OSCAR N. GOODWILL, farmer, P. O. Centreville, was born March 12, 1842, in Woodcock Township, Crawford County, Penn.; son of the Rev. Aaron and Minerva (Tinker) Goodwill, both natives of Wellington, Mass., and who came to this county in 1828; the former, a Wesleyan minister, was a son of Nathaniel Goodwill, who settled in Woodcock Township, near Blooming Valley. Rev. Aaron Goodwill died in February, 1876, in Warren County, Penn. His widow is now seventy-eight years old. They are parents of ten children, five living, viz.: Omri, in Warren County, Penn; Oscar N., in Crawford County; James, in Warren County, Penn.; Amanda (now Mrs. Robshaw), in Warren County, and Charles. Our subject was married, May 19, 1861, to Jane Sturgis, a native of Bloomfield, this county. To this union were born four children: Herbert, Emma, Frank and Lona. Herbert was injured by a kick from

a horse, April 1, 1884, and died May 5, 1884, aged twenty-two years and two days. He was a member of the Baptist Church in Centreville. Mr. and Mrs. Goodwill settled in Rome Township in 1873, and have, by industry and good management, acquired a fine farm of 160 acres of well-improved land. They and their children are consistent members of the Baptist Church.

DAVID L. HENDERSON, farmer, P. O. Centreville, was born January 15, 1857, in Oil Creek Township, this county; son of Robert and Margery (Coyle) Henderson, the former of whom was a volunteer in Company D, Eighteenth Pennsylvania Cavalry, and died in Andersonville prison. He was a brave soldier, and left as an honorable inheritance to posterity the remembrance of his faithful devotion to his country. His widow subsequently married James B. Kerr, and now resides at Titusville. Our subject acquired his education in the School for Soldiers' Orphans, Titusville, and was married June 15, 1881, to Lizzie, daughter of Charles S. Coates. To this union is born one son—Robert A. Mr. Henderson purchased here a fine farm comprising ninety-seven acres of well-improved land with good buildings. He is an enterprising young farmer, enjoying the respect and esteem of the community.

ALPHEUS W. HOLBROOK (deceased) was born in Rutland County, Vt., January 3, 1804, son of Abel Holbrook. He came to Rome Township, this county, in 1828, and after two years purchased a large tract of land which he immediately began to clear and develop. He was united in marriage, December 28, 1835, with Sophia E. Little, born in Rutland County, Vt., daughter of Rufus Little, a pioneer of Richmond Township, Crawford Co., Penn. To this union were born three children, viz.: Vivalda (deceased), Eunice Ann and Sarah Lavonia. Mr. Holbrook was a stanch Republican in politics; an earnest member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and after leading a long and useful life, died November 21, 1879, in the seventy-sixth year of his age. His loss was deeply mourned by a large circle of friends. His widow still survives, and is being tenderly cared for by her daughters, who manage with commendable business skill the large estate of 204 acres of finely improved land left by their father. They have each a separate tract also. The Holbrooks are a representative family of Rome Township, and well deserve the respect and esteem with which they are regarded.

WILLIAM JOSEPH KERR, farmer and Commissioner of Crawford County, P. O. Titusville, was born February 22, 1840, in Rome Township, this county. He is a son of Andrew Kerr, now living in Oil Creek Township, Penn. Our subject enlisted in November, 1861, in the Fifty-seventh Regiment Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry; served in the Army of the Potomac, and engaged in the battle of Peach Orchard, Va. He received an honorable discharge on account of disability in June, 1862. He was married to Carrie Grant, December 6, 1862. By this union there is one son—Worth. Mr. Kerr purchased the farm on which he was reared, formerly owned by his father, and has an estate of 150 acres of well-improved land. He has ever been a Republican. In 1878 he was elected Commissioner of Crawford County, and re-elected in 1881, by a handsome majority. He fills the duties of this position with honest integrity and to the entire satisfaction of the people.

DANIEL W. KERR, P. O. Titusville, was born June 23, 1851, in Rome Township, this county, son of Andrew Kerr, and was brought up in Oil Creek Township adjoining the line. He received his education in the schools of the home district, and one term in the State Normal School at Edinboro, Penn. He married, April 9, 1876, Miss Esther Viola, daughter of Amos White, and born January 4, 1856, in Warren County, Penn, but reared mostly in Chautauqua County, N. Y., moving into this township about 1874. To our subject and

wife were born two sons: Andrew DeAlt and Ernest Wilbur. Mr. Kerr has a comfortable home in this township and sixty-nine acres of well-improved land. He is a successful farmer, highly respected by the entire community. In politics a Republican.

JAMES M. LEWIS, hardware merchant and tinsmith, Centreville, was born in Broome County, N. Y., February 9, 1840; son of Salmon and Elvira (Page) Lewis. When he was twelve years of age his mother died, and in 1854 his father moved with his family to Allegany County, N. Y.; lived a few years there and in this county, but finally went West and is now a resident of Little Traverse, Mich. Our subject completed his education at Friendship Academy, Allegany County, N. Y., and there learned his trade. He was one of the first to respond to the President's call for men to protect the Union, enlisting May 1, 1861, in the Twenty-third Regiment, New York Volunteer Infantry, serving in the Army of the Potomac and participating in many of the memorable battles of the Virginia campaign. He made a brilliant record as a brave and faithful soldier and received an honorable discharge as non-commissioned officer, May 22, 1863. The following June he came to Centreville and for a few years manufactured barrels. In 1867 he established his present shop, adding in 1869 a general line of hardware. He is a skillful mechanic and has built up a prosperous trade with the surrounding townships. He was married December 22, 1863, to Sarah R., daughter of Theophilus and Caroline Schuck, of Williamsport, Penn. To this union were born two children: Elvira C. and George M. Mr. and Mrs. Lewis are members of the Congregational Church. He has ever been a Republican; has held several township and borough offices; is a man of integrity and a useful citizen.

WILLIAM S. and DANIEL M. MAGEE, farmers, P. O. Centreville, are sons of Patrick and Sarah (Dougherty) Magee, who were early settlers of this township. William S. Magee was born January 15, 1828, in Rome Township, this county, and remained with his aged parents till their deaths. The mother died June 27, 1875, aged seventy years; the father died August 14, 1882, aged seventy-five years. He now owns and occupies the old homestead which has always been held by one or other of the Magee family, and another tract, making in all eighty-five acres. Daniel M. Magee was born November 7, 1833, also in Rome Township, this county, and was united in marriage April 25, 1871, with Elizabeth McLaughlin. To this union have been born the following children: Joseph, Mary Cecelia, Francis P., and William R. He owns a farm, in two tracts, comprising eighty acres of well-improved land. These gentlemen are upright pioneer citizens enjoying the respect of all. They have both been life-long members of the Roman Catholic Church.

JOHN B. MAGEE, farmer and Justice of the Peace, Centreville, was born in Rome Township, this county, June 6, 1829; son of John and Hannah (Griffin) Magee. He remained with his parents, acquiring his education at the district school. After the death of his father he took charge of his aged mother during her thirty years of widowhood. He now owns the family homestead, on which he has passed most of his life. In connection with farming he early engaged in developing the oil fields on Oil Creek. Squire Magee is an earnest Democrat in politics, but aims to support the best men regardless of party. He has been actively interested in public affairs nearly all his life; at twenty-two he was elected Constable of Rome Township, and has occupied some local or township office almost continuously ever since; was elected Justice of the Peace in May, 1881, and has faithfully discharged the duties of this office with credit to himself and to the satisfaction of the people; in 1884 was elected County Auditor for three years. The Squire is physically of a full, robust figure,

bidding fair to live a long life of usefulness. Being an advocate of perfect freedom he has never formed any matrimonial alliance. He is one of the leading citizens of his native township.

ANDREW LEWIS MAGEE, farmer, P. O. Centreville, was born May 22, 1843, in Rome Township; son of John and Hannah Magee. He was married in 1867 to Nancy Ellen Morris, who died in 1873, leaving a daughter, Mary Winifield, who gives promise of brilliant genius. Mr. Magee has lived in this township all his life, is a man of upright integrity and a citizen of much usefulness and influence in this community.

JOHN R. MAGEE, farmer and mechanic, P. O. Centreville, was born October 7, 1836, in Rome Township, this county, and is a grandson of John Magee, who came as far as Northumberland County, Penn., and there died about 1804. His widow settled in the vicinity of Mageetown about 1806, and there departed this life in 1814. Her daughters were Mrs. Mary Brannon, Mrs. Nancy Gilson and Mrs. Catherine Coyle. Of her sons, Roger took up several tracts of land in this township; Henry returned to Northumberland County, Penn.; John, who also returned to that county, in about a year moved to New York, and there married Catherine Rafferty, of New York City, returned to this township November, 1835, and here developed a farm and died in 1873. He was an honored pioneer. He and all his family were consistent members of the Roman Catholic Church. His widow resides on the old homestead. They were the parents of Henry, Mrs. Catherine Southworth, Rosanna and John R. Our subject was married November 11, 1862, to Loretta Magee, by whom he has the following children: Ambrose M., Albert H., Belle (wife of Joseph Robinson), Ira F., Mary, Thomas S., Anna, John J. and Martha. Mr. Magee is a skillful carpenter, wagon-maker and blacksmith, and bears the reputation of turning out first-class workmanship. He erected many of the houses and barns in this vicinity, and can make a wagon complete, including the iron work and painting. He has a comfortable home of forty-five acres of well-improved land. In politics he has ever been a Democrat.

FRANK L. MARKHAM, M. D., physician and surgeon, Centreville, was born in Panama, Chautauqua Co., N. Y., October 13, 1852, son of George and Charlotte Markham. At an early age he removed with his parents to Riceville, Crawford Co., Penn., and there was reared and received the foundation of his literary education in the schools of that borough. In 1872 he attended the high school at Jamestown, N. Y.; then became a student in the State Normal School at Edinboro, Penn., taking a private course of studies under President Cooper. He early began teaching school, engaging in the profession in all five terms at Riceville, Tryonville, Taylor's Stand and at Chautauqua Lake. In 1874 he began the study of medicine under Dr. Charles Payne, of Riceville. In 1877 he entered the Medical Department of the Wooster University, Cleveland, Ohio, and after attending two courses of lectures graduated with the degree of M. D. on February 27, 1879. He then located at Centreville, and by his energy, professional skill and genial manners has built up a large and lucrative practice in this community, and has rapidly attained a high mark in the profession.

JOHN S. MATTESON, farmer, P. O. Titusville, was born April 17, 1814, in Kent County, R. I. When ten years of age he moved to Herkimer County, N. Y., with his parents, Asa and Elizabeth (Richmond) Matteson, and when sixteen years old came to Otsego County, same State, where he was married February 23, 1837, to Emeline Bailey, who bore him the following children: Joel, Albert, Harriet (wife of Mr. Eldred) and George. In April, 1852, our

subject and family came, *via* the Erie Canal, to this county, arriving in May. They settled in this township, Mr. Matteson buying 300 acres of land, which he at once began to clear and improve, and by his industry has not only acquired a comfortable home, but provided liberally for his children. He prefers to lead a quiet life on his farm; is a man of strict integrity, and exerts a good influence in the community. In politics he is a Republican.

WILLIAM NASH, manufacturer, Centreville, was born December 3, 1831, in the old Betts House, still standing on Water Street, Meadville, Penn., son of Michael and Mary (Callahan) Nash, both natives of Ireland, the latter a daughter of John Callahan, who passed the latter part of his life in Cussewago Township, this county. When a year and a half old our subject came with his father's family to Cussewago Township, and there his father died in 1856, his mother having died in 1851. They were an upright pioneer couple, largely instrumental in developing the resources of this county. They left a family of eight children: William, James, Catherine (now Mrs. Mather), Mary Ann (now Mrs. Wickham), Thomas and Margaret Ellen (now Mrs. Crownin). John and Patrick are now deceased. Our subject received his education in the district schools. Being the eldest, on his father's death the care of the family devolved on him. He carried on the farm, paying considerable attention to stock-raising. In 1863, in partnership with his brothers, Thomas and Patrick, he established a shook factory at Centreville, in which he still retains an interest. In 1871 he established a cheese factory at Crossingville, and was quite active in developing the dairy interest in the northern part of the county. Mr. Nash has always taken an active interest in the affairs of his borough; in 1878 was elected Treasurer of Crawford County, taking his position in January, 1879, and fulfilling the duties of this office with credit to himself and satisfaction to his constituents. He was married February 8, 1866, to Margaret Ann, daughter of John and Ann Magee. They are both devout members of the Roman Catholic Church. Mr. Nash is of a generous, sociable disposition, and is esteemed and respected by a wide circle of friends.

THOMAS NASH, manufacturer, Centreville, was born in Cussewago Township, this county, December 10, 1843; son of Michael Nash. In his youth he spent a year and a half in the oil regions of Crawford and Venango Counties. He then began making shooks in Conneautville, in March, 1862, and in February, 1863, in company with his brothers, William and Patrick, established their well-known shook factory at Centreville. They ship large quantities to New York City for exportation to Cuba, for manufacturing sugar hogsheads. Our subject was married, February 8, 1871, to Mary Helen, daughter of Samuel Fuller, of Rome Township, this county. To this union were born the following children: Victoria Ann, Clara Jane, Martin Irenus, and Thomas. Mr. Nash and his wife are devout members of the Roman Catholic Church. In politics he is a Democrat.

JOHN ODELL, retired farmer, P. O. Centreville, was born in Rensselaer County, N. Y., March 14, 1800. He came to Springfield, Erie Co., Penn., in 1824, and to this county in 1835, settling in Rome Township, and here married Almira Peck, who died at the expiration of about a year and a half, leaving one son, Burton. Our subject was then married to Lydia, daughter of Dr. Silas Taylor, and who died in 1850, leaving six children, viz.: H. Banning, Silas, William, N. W., Amanda (deceased wife of Mr. Strong), and Phebe, now Mrs. Keyes. Our subject subsequently married Marinda, daughter of William and Sibyl Pierce and widow of Levi W. Bosworth, by whom she had one daughter, Sibyl, now married to Banning Odell. Mr. Odell is one of the oldest pioneers of Rome Township, and although eighty-four years

of age is hale and hearty, with almost unimpaired faculties. He and his estimable wife are living on their pleasant homestead, enjoying a peaceful old age.

NELSON WHITFIELD ODELL, farmer, P. O. Centreville, was born February 18, 1844, in Cochranton, this county; son of John and Lydia (Taylor) Odell, early settlers here. During the late Rebellion our subject enlisted, August, 1864, in the Mississippi Squadron, United States Navy. He was a brave soldier and received an honorable discharge August, 1865. He was united in marriage, September 18, 1867, with Sylvia Langworthy, born February 23, 1846, in Athens Township, this county, daughter of Joseph and Eliza Ann (Barber) Langworthy. To this union have been born Iva May and Glenn Lynn. Mr. and Mrs. Odell, after living a few years in Centreville, settled on their present place, comprising eighty-five acres of well improved land, and by industry and good management have acquired a comfortable and pleasant home. Mr. Odell is a progressive farmer, devoting considerable attention to the improvement of the live stock on his farm. He is a member of the Congregational Church and his wife of the Methodist Episcopal denomination. In politics he is a stanch Republican.

JAMES P. PHILP and WILLIS F. PERRY, lumbermen, P. O. Tryonville. James P. Philp was born in Washington Township, Erie Co., Penn., July 29, 1855, son of Richard Philp, who still resides in that township. He was married March 25, 1880, to Emma A. Perry, by whom he has two children: Rinnie and Robert R. Willis F. Perry was also born in Washington Township, Erie County, August 2, 1857, son of Gilbert O. Perry, a resident of that township. In April, 1882, these gentlemen purchased the steam saw-mill on Little Oil Creek and 200 acres of timberland in this township. They are practical lumbermen and are doing a successful business, manufacturing from 8,000 to 10,000 feet of lumber per day, which is shipped to Buffalo, N. Y., Franklin, Penn., and other points. They also do considerable custom work. They have an extensive trade, nearly one-third of their whole business being the shipment of hemlock bark to Buffalo for tanning purposes. Messrs. Philp & Perry are thorough-going business men, and have won the respect and esteem of the best people in Crawford County.

SAMUEL POST, merchant, Centreville, was born May 18, 1821, in Washington County, N. Y., son of Samuel and Mary (Sprague) Post, who came to Crawford County in 1830, and after living about a year and a half each in Sparta Township and Centreville Borough, settled in Athens Township, where they died. Of their nine children, five are now living: Joshua, Leonard, Samuel, Harvey and Mrs. Pruda Yarrington. Our subject took care of his aged parents till their death. He was married July 16, 1843, to Nancy A. Bement, and lived on a farm till 1860, when he established a store in Centreville, having previously been engaged in business a couple of years with J. A. Rodier. Mr. Post has had as partners Henry Fields and Thomas Maynard for one year, then Thomas Maynard for seven years, and since 1872, his son Byron, the firm being now known as S. Post & Son. They carry a suitable stock for a general merchandise store and have built up a large trade with the surrounding townships. To Mr. and Mrs. Post were born eight children, five now living: Mrs. Harriet L. Maynard, George D., Charles Byron, Mrs. Ada Fedora Chapman and Mrs. May M. Post. Our subject is an enterprising, successful business man, a worthy representative of one of the leading pioneer families, and a citizen of much influence and usefulness in this community. He is a consistent member of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

RANSOM PUTNAM, farmer, P. O. Centreville, was born December 18,

1826, in Ellery, Chautauqua Co., N. Y., son of Leonard Putnam, who was born in Vermont, and when four years of age went with his parents, who settled in Chautauqua County, N. Y., in 1807. There he married Sally Kelly, born January 25, 1808, in Genesee County, same State. They came to Rome Township, this county, in 1840, settling in the woods, where they cleared their farm. They reared four children: Alfred, Ransom, John Sidney, and Mrs. Harriet Proudfit, who died July 30, 1856. Mr. Putnam departed this life November 1, 1850. His widow still resides on the old homestead. Our subject was twice married, on first occasion November 5, 1848, to Fidelia J. Howard, who died January 30, 1860, leaving two children: Sidney R. and Mrs. Alvicia D. Gilbert. Mr. Putnam married for his second wife Nancy Phillips, daughter of Godfrey and Sarah Phillips, of Venango County, Penn. By this union there are four children: Minnie L., born July 22, 1867; Mertie, born February 8, 1869; Alta May, born June 13, 1873, and Clara F., born January 30, 1877. They have also adopted into their family Martin, son of David Baugher. Mr. Putnam is a man of strict integrity and a worthy representative of one of the leading pioneer families of this township. He is a member of the Baptist Church. In politics he is a Republican.

REV. DANIEL REID (deceased) came to Rome Township, this county, from Logan County, Ohio, about 1861, being then about twenty-eight years of age. He had received his education at Geneva College, Logan County, Ohio, and was a minister of the Reformed Presbyterian Church. He took charge of the Oil Creek congregation, this township, and here was united in marriage, January 22, 1863, with Nancy Wright, by whom he had the following children: R. H. McFarland, a graduate of Geneva College, Beaver Falls, Penn.; M. Letitia R., Martha Rebecca Ada and James Renwick Welsh. Our subject, after leading an active, usefull life died March 31, 1875, honored and beloved by all. His widow, an estimable lady respected by the whole community, now occupies the homestead comprising 120 acres of well-improved land.

JULIUS A. RODIER, merchant, Centreville, was born June 18, 1832, at Georgetown, D. C., son of Col. Philiburt Louis Rodier, a topographical engineer under the First Napoleon, and who came from France to America in 1813. Here he married Mary Adelaide Jones, of Georgetown, D. C., where he died and his family still reside. He was an influential man, taking an active part in the improvements of his adopted country. He was topographical engineer of the Chesapeak & Ohio Canal, and on its opening threw the first shovel of earth after the Master of Ceremonies, John Hancock. The success of this enterprise was mainly due to his energy and scientific skill. Our subject when eighteen years of age commenced life for himself, clerking in Baltimore till 1853, then took a trip across the mountains, roughing it for two years in a lumbering camp in Warren County, Penn.; then for one year carried on a tailoring establishment for S. A. Bennett, and clerked one year at Spartansburg, this county. Next clerked for the firm of Orange Noble & George B. Delamater, Townville, this county, until March 12, 1857, when he married Miranda, daughter of the pioneer Daniel Bement, by whom he has six children: Will P. L., married to Mary Edith Sessions; Mary A., Julius Henry D., Charles A., Millie Louisa and Jennie Gertrude. After his marriage Mr. Rodier engaged in a general merchandise store at Centreville with Samuel Post for two years. Then established himself alone in business. In 1864 admitted his brother-in-law, George Bement, which connection lasted until about 1873, since when he has been conducting the business alone. His stock consists of general merchandise and furniture in a separate establishment. During the war he took an active interest in recruiting men for the service, enlisting himself, August,

1862, in the One Hundred and Fiftieth Regiment Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry. After six months' active service he was honorably discharged on account of disabilities. Mr. Rodier and wife are members of the Congregational Church.

CHARLES WASHINGTON SHERMAN, farmer, P. O. Centreville, was born April 27, 1821, in Cambridge, Washington Co., N. Y. His mother dying when he was four years of age, he was brought up by his grandfather, Oliver Sherman. They moved to Chautauqua County, N. Y., in very early times, and there our subject spent his boyhood days. When twenty-two years of age he began working for himself, soon accumulating enough to buy a tract of land in Rome Township, this county, which he immediately began to improve. He was married in December, 1849, to Sarah Ann Sherman, and in 1850 settled on the farm in this township, where by industry and good management he acquired a fine estate of 220 acres of well-improved land. Mr. Sherman's wife died October 31, 1879, and he then married Sarah Geer (or Ghers), of Oil Creek Township, this county. To this union was born one daughter—Maud Ann. In politics Mr. Sherman has ever been a supporter of the Republican party. He is an honest man, of generous impulses, highly esteemed by all.

JACOB SNAPP, farmer and blacksmith, P. O. Centreville, was born in Yates County, N. Y., January 13, 1831, son of George and Elizabeth (Schuler) Snapp, natives of Lebanon County, Penn., and who settled in Sparta, this county, about 1838. Seven of their children are living: Mary, now Mrs. Bushman; Abram, Mrs. Phebe A., Eldred, Henry, Jacob, George and Archibald. When seventeen years of age our subject began to learn the trade of blacksmith in Monroe County, N. Y. He was united in marriage June 25, 1851, with Diantha Day, a sister-in-law of the noted John Brown. They settled in Centreville, where Mr. Snapp carried on a blacksmith shop for three years. He then purchased the farm on which he now lives, and immediately began clearing and improving it. He has ninety-seven acres of well-improved land, and in connection with farming has followed his trade a large share of the time. Mrs. Snapp died in November, 1864, leaving five children: Orrin D.; Anna E., now Mrs. Crosby; Lois, now Mrs. Parrish, Lewis and Charles. Mr. Snapp then married, January 31, 1866, Mrs. Mary Blowers, daughter of John and Maria Cullins, of Wyoming County, N. Y., and widow of Jerome Blowers, by whom (Mr. Blowers) she had one son—Norman. To this union were born Mary S., Effie J., Estella O., Floyd J. and Buena Vista. Mr. Snapp is an honest, worthy citizen of his township. His wife is a consistent member of the United Brethren Church.

MARCUS STEWART, farmer, P. O. Titusville, was born in 1823, in County Londonderry, Ireland; came to this county and settled in Rome Township in 1840, where he immediately began clearing his farm, which was then all woodland. He was united in marriage February 27, 1860, with Martha, daughter of Richard Wright, who has borne him the following children: Richard Cameron, McFarland, Mary Ada (deceased), Martha Rebecca, Nannie Belle, Marcus Reed, James Alexander and David. Mr. Stewart has been a very hard worker, and is deservedly successful, having acquired a fine farm of 220 acres; his wife also owns fifty acres. They are pious members of the Reformed Presbyterian Church; are earnest friends and supporters of the educational cause, giving their own children good advantages, and are upright, honest people, highly respected and esteemed by the community.

MRS. MARGARET L. THOMPSON, P. O. Centreville, was born in Rome Township, this county, September 27, 1830, daughter of Patrick and Sarah Magee, early settlers of this township. She was united in marriage April 27,

1856, with Oliver N., son of John and Ann Thompson, and who was reared in Oil Creek Township, this county. By this union there was one daughter—Perintha Ann, born May 18, 1857, and married to Jacob S. Gilborn; have two children: Oliver W. and Elizabeth. After Mr. and Mrs. Thompson's marriage they lived in Oil Creek Township, this county, for ten years, but in 1866 finally settled on the present family home, where Mr. Thompson died April 23, 1869. He was a kind husband and father, a worthy citizen, highly respected by all who knew him. Our subject owns the family homestead, comprising 115 acres of well-improved land, and her former home of nineteen acres in Oil Creek Township, this county. She is a devout member of the Roman Catholic Church, and is an estimable lady, highly esteemed by a wide circle of friends.

JAMES WEIDNER, farmer, P. O. Glyndon, was born August 13, 1824, in Venango County, Penn., son of John and Catherine Weidner, who were natives of eastern Pennsylvania, and very early settlers of Venango County. Our subject was united in marriage in September, 1839, with Mary Long, of the same county, who bore him the following children: Rebecca (now Mrs. Harrison), Phebe (now Mrs. Buell), Anna (now Mrs. Gilson), William, Abigail (now Mrs. Buell), Carson, James, Elmer, Daniel and Ina. Mr. and Mrs. Weidner located in Rome Township, this county, in 1864, and by industry and good management have accumulated a fine property, having a pleasant home and 223 acres of well improved land. Mr. Weidner is an enterprising and successful farmer. In politics has been a life-long Democrat.

SQUIRE WELD, farmer, P. O. Tryonville, was born November 23, 1825, in Bath, N. Y., son of Robert and Clarissa (Howe) Weld, who subsequently moved to Warren County, Penn., where the former died about 1868. His widow is a descendant of the famous Jemima Howe, who was captured by the Indians and rescued during the French and Indian war, and there is in the possession of the family a gun captured during that conflict. She is residing on the old homestead, aged eighty-eight. Our subject was married, June 29, 1853, to Martha V., daughter of Aaron Goodwill, and by this union has the following children: William, Mary A. (now Mrs. Putnam), Charles, Franklin, Frances, Squire, Minerva, Mabel and Aaron. During the late war Mr. Weld enlisted, in July, 1864, in the Two Hundred and Eleventh Regiment Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry. He was a brave and faithful soldier, and received an honorable discharge June 28, 1865. After living four years in Lorain County, Ohio, he came to Tryonville, this county, where he followed the occupation of lumberman at Gray's Mills. In 1872 he purchased his pleasant residence, together with 130 acres of well improved land. Mrs. Weld died May 23, 1881. She was a devoted wife and kind mother, and her loss was mourned by the community. Mr. Weld is a Republican in politics, and a strong advocate of temperance.

FRANKLIN WETHERBEE, one of the pioneers of Rome Township, this county, is a native of Washington County, N. Y., and there married Miss Melissa Bosworth, by whom he had the following children: David B., Martin N., a soldier in the Eighty-third Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, who died April 17, 1870, from the effects of a wound received at the battle of Gettysburg; Levi O., a member of the same regiment, and killed in the battle before Petersburg, Va.; Paulina (deceased), wife of Mr. Chapman; Annettie R. (now Mrs. Cook); Delphina (now Mrs. Hardeson, of Newhall, Cal.); and Silvia A. (now Mrs. Post). Mr. Wetherbee came to this township in 1839, engaging actively in lumbering, and in partnership with his brother, Horace, now of Oregon, establishing a saw-mill on the east branch of Oil Creek. Mrs. Weth-

erbee departed this life May 8, 1882. He is now living with his son David, enjoying a peaceful old age. Mr. Wetherbee has for many years been a Deacon in the Baptist Church.

DAVID B. WETHERBEE, carpenter, P. O. Centreville, was born February 1, 1834, in Washington County, N. Y., son of Franklin and Melissa (Bosworth) Wetherbee. Our subject was educated principally in the schools of Rome Township, and from the practical experiences of life. He was married, September 10, 1856, to Penila Hall, a native of Great Bend Village, Susquehanna Co., Penn. To this union were born the following named children: Alphonzo (deceased), Lizzie, Elmer L., Effie (now Mrs. Thomas, of Corry, Penn.), and Artie. The family are members of the Baptist Church. During the Rebellion Mr. Wetherbee enlisted in the One Hundred and Fiftieth Regiment Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, and after nine months received an honorable discharge February 10, 1863, on account of disabilities. He was a brave and faithful soldier. After his return from the war he engaged for a few years in oil refining, but has since devoted his energies to his trade. He is now principally engaged in rig-building in the oil regions. Mr. Wetherbee is a citizen of much influence and usefulness in this community.

LAWRENCE WINTON, farmer, P. O. Centreville, was born February 20, 1817, in that part of Rome Township, this county, now known as Centreville Borough, son of Samuel Winton. His opportunities for acquiring an education were confined to the schools of Centreville. He early entered the lumbering business and farming. He was married, April 5, 1840, to Zillah, daughter of Nathan Cook, and a native of Delaware County, N. Y., where she was reared, coming to this county at eighteen years of age. By this union were born: Decator, Samuel S., Lloyd, Sarah (now Mrs. Hefright), Mary E. (now Mrs. McCleoud), Ida (now Mrs. McIntyre). In 1841 Mr. and Mrs. Winton settled in Centreville Borough, where they now reside, having a comfortable home. Our subject is an old time Republican, and a friend of the cause of education.

WASH WINTON, farmer, attorney at law and Justice of the Peace, Centreville, was born January 12, 1834, in Rome Township, this county, son of Samuel Winton, who settled here in 1806 with his father, the pioneer Nathan Winton, of Scotch descent, and a soldier of the Revolutionary war. Samuel Winton married Margaret Coil, who came here from Pittsburgh, Penn., with her parents in 1801. After rearing twelve children they both died at advanced ages. Our subject in early manhood taught school for several winters, lumbering during the summers. He was married, August 3, 1862, to Martha J. Britain, by whom he has three children: Ella A., Judson M. and Kittie M. During the late Rebellion he enlisted, October, 1862, in the One Hundred and Sixty-ninth Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, and served till August, 1863. On his return from the war he engaged in shipping oil down the river to Pittsburgh till 1865, when he settled on his farm in Centreville Borough. The same year he was elected Justice of the Peace, and has been re-elected at the expiration of each succeeding term. He has also served as Burgess, School Director fifteen years, Councilman five years, and in other offices of trust, serving in all these various offices with credit to himself and to the satisfaction of the people. Squire Winton devotes himself chiefly to law, having an extensive local practice, and doing considerable business in settling up decedents' estates, and as real estate agent. He has supported the Republican party since Fremont's time. He and his family are members of the Congregational Church.

SADSBURY TOWNSHIP.

JAMES ADSIT, jelly manufacturer, P. O. Evansburg, was born March 7, 1853, son of John and Margaret (Mellon) Adsit, natives of this county, both deceased. Our subject, who was reared on a farm, engaged in lumbering for many years. He has a large jelly manufacturing establishment in Ashtabula County, Ohio, and bears the reputation of making the best article of the kind in the market. He was married, April 2, 1874, to Vira Stockton, by whom he has one daughter, Daisy B., born in 1878. Mr. Adsit is a member of the A. O. U. W., and, with his wife, an adherent of the Presbyterian Church.

JOHN ANDREWS, retired farmer, P. O. Evansburg, was born in Vernon Township, this county, April 6, 1816, son of Robert and Sarah (Chidester) Andrews, who had eight children, five now living. Robert Andrews was a native of County Tyrone, Ireland; came to America in 1784, locating at Harrisburg, Penn., from thence moving to Allegheny County in 1792, and finally to what is now Crawford County. Here he made a clearing on French Creek, Vernon Township, and erected a building. In the fall of 1792 he and a number of others started for Harrisburg, Penn., but got lost, their pack-horse died of starvation, and they were obliged to subsist on a couple of snakes which they found and a deer-skin that was roasted after the hair had been burned off. After innumerable privations they reached their destination. On their return home they employed an Indian guide to conduct them to Franklin, but in him the party placed little confidence, being in constant dread lest he should betray them. When within a day's journey of Franklin they came to a camp fire, a little beyond which they discovered a horse. After resting a day in Franklin they met there a man named Vansickle, who informed them the horse they had seen was his; that he and two comrades, named Power and Wallace, were surprised at the camp fire by Indians firing on them from an ambuscade. Power and Wallace were killed, but Vansickle showed the savages his heels, and although chased by one of them armed with a tomahawk for a considerable distance he succeeded in outrunning the Indian, who then gave up the pursuit. Robert Andrews returned to his clearing in Vernon Township the following spring (1793) in order to hold his title, as the law was that "a settler must have smoke on his premises every day for five years." This farm is still owned by his descendants, and on it John Andrews was born and reared. Our subject learned milling as an occupation. He was married, June 2, 1847, to Mary D. Abbott. By this union were born six children, three now living: Eva B., Sadie and Ella. The sons are all deceased. Mr. Andrews is a member of the United Presbyterian Church, in which he is also an Elder. His nephew, James M. Abbott, with whom he spends many leisure hours, does a hardware business at Evansburg.

CHARLES W. AUGUST, carpenter, P. O. Evansburg, was born in Venango County, Penn., April 13, 1840, son of Benjamin and Susan (Barton) August, the former a native of Pennsylvania, the latter of New York State. They were the parents of nine children. Our subject, the second in this family, was born and reared on a farm. He states that during his residence in Warren County, and when but six years of age, he and a brother, two years his senior, started about half past 4 o'clock to go for the cows, but stopped on

their way to play on some saw logs, a number of which commenced to roll down the hill, going over his brother and killing him instantly; the logs also caught our subject, holding him prisoner until 6 o'clock the next morning, when he managed to attract the attention of some neighbors by pushing his hat under a log, and was then released from his dangerous as well as uncomfortable position. Mr. August for some time followed lumbering, then learned the carpenter's trade, in which he is still engaged. During the late war he served eighteen months in Company B, Twelfth Pennsylvania Cavalry. He was married, November 7, 1878, to Clara Weary, of Oil City, Penn., by whom he has two children: William Edward, born October 20, 1881, and Fred H., born May 10, 1884. Our subject and wife are members of the E. A. U., of which he is Secretary. He is also V. G. in the I. O. O. F.; in politics a Republican. Mrs. August is a member of the Daughters of Rebekah.

DAVID W. FOUST, farmer. P. O. Tamarac, was born in 1842, south of Evansburg, this county, son of Israel and Mary (Moyer) Foust, who reside on the old homestead with our subject. At the time this sketch was written, (the summer of 1884) Israel Foust, now in his eighty-fourth year, was engaged in extracting stumps from the fields of the home farm, which comprises eighty-three acres of well improved land. Our subject was united in marriage, August 30, 1868, with Ida Hall. To this union have been born two sons, Alvie M. and William. Mr. Foust and wife are members of the Presbyterian Church.

CHARLES E. FOUST, farmer, P. O. Evansburg, was born in 1855, in Sadsbury Township, this county, son of Jeremiah and Louisa (Keen) Foust; the former of whom died in 1876; the latter now lives on the farm north of Conneaut Lake; is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church at Evansburg. The subject of this sketch was married, August 28, 1880, to Clara J. Warmple, by whom he has one child—Lena M. Mr. Foust is just commencing for himself as a farmer, and by his gentlemanly bearing and fair dealing he is winning the esteem of all, and bids fair to be one of the representative men of Sadsbury Township. He is a member of the I. O. O. F., and his wife of the Daughters of Rebekah; they both belong to the Methodist Episcopal Church.

SAMUEL GEHR, farmer, P. O. Linesville, was born in Summit Township, this county, in 1813; son of Balthazar and Elizabeth(Fleming) Gehr, the former of whom, born in 1782, is still enjoying good health. Our subject was married, August 22, 1837, to Hannah Garwood. To this union have been born Eunice, wife of Robert McClinton (have seven children: William, Elma, James, Margaret, Emma, Hugh and Bessie); Sylvester A., married to Frances Ames; Harvy C., married to Lavinia Dudley (have five children: William, Henry, Laverie, Murry and Nellie); Emeline, wife of Henry Hall; Nelson D., formerly married to Addie Hall, by whom he had four children: Nettie, Glenroy, Alonzo and Cora; Isaac, married to Lovilla Jackson (have two children: Aggie and Ray); Nimrod, married to Ellen Dikman (had two children: Maud and Jennie). Three of the sons served during the late war. Samuel Gehr's second wife was Amelia Hanpe, whom he married March 8, 1877. Our subject states that he was an expert in finding bee trees, the richest of which yielded him fourteen gallons of strained honey; that he was quite a hunter, killing his first deer when fourteen years old, with a flint-lock gun, and also that the last bear (a large black one) heard of in the neighborhood, and for which a party had been hunting two days, was at last captured by himself when the others had given up the chase. He also followed trapping and procured an abundance of furs. Mr. and Mrs. Gehr are members of the Evangelical Church.

TOBIAS GEHR, farmer, P. O. Tamarac, was born in Crawford County,

Penn., February 13, 1818, son of Joseph and Sarah (Wright) Gehr; the former was a soldier in the war of 1812, serving under Com. Perry on Lake Erie. Our subject was married, in 1850 to Sarah Letwiler. By this union are the following-named children: Filmore, Eli T., Frederick and Freemont. Eli T. married Mary Alexander and has one child.

JAMES GIBSON, farmer, P. O. Evansburg, was born September 12, 1840, in Vernon Township, this county, son of Hugh and Eliva Gibson. He was united in marriage, November 25, 1879, with Sarah Barber, by whom he has two children: Sarah L. and Thomas E. Our subject and brother, Robert Gibson, are substantial farmers and stock-raisers of this township; they possess an equal interest in the farm, which was first cleared by David Allen, thence descended to James Allen and finally to them. Their sister, Caroline, makes her home with them. Both brothers are members of the United Presbyterian Church. In politics they are Prohibitionists.

MRS. MARY HARPER, P. O. Evansburg, was born in 1813, in Sadsbury Township, this county, daughter of George and Dorcas (Sharp) Shellito, the former of whom was born in 1778, in Ireland, and came to America in 1796. The subject of this sketch was married, October 12, 1837, to John Harper, who died February, 1874, leaving her with three children, the eldest of whom, William, was born August 3, 1838; serving during the late war in Company F, One Hundred and Ninety-ninth Regiment Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, and now lives at home. Fernando C., born August 3, 1844, married Mary A. Richards (have two children: Nancy S., nine years old, and Mary A., seven years of age); he enlisted in 1861, in Company E, One Hundred and Eleventh Regiment Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, and was discharged in 1862; Rachel B., born March 24, 1847, married, and has one daughter—Kittie May. Mrs. Harper owns ninety acres of land just north of Conneaut Lake. Oakland Beach forms a part of this estate.

WILLIAM W. JACKSON, farmer, P. O. Tamarac, was born in 1819, in East Fallowfield Township, this county, son of Abraham and Elizabeth (Gelvin) Jackson; the former a native of Susquehanna County, Penn., died in 1853; the latter a native of Maryland, died in 1876. Our subject remained on the farm till May 16, 1834, when he went to Meadville, and there learned blacksmithing, which he followed for some time. In July, 1840, he opened a shop at Shermanville for custom work, and sharpened tools used in digging the canal then in process of construction. In 1852 he moved to Summit Township, this county, where he carried on farming and blacksmithing till October 13, 1864, when he moved on his present farm. He does his own blacksmithing. April 22, 1841, he married Miss Jane Stewart, and to this union were born ten children, viz.: Lovilla, married in 1866 to Isaac B. Gehr, who was a soldier in Company E, One Hundred and Eleventh Regiment, Pennsylvania Volunteers, and died in 1882, leaving two children: Aggie, and Ray; David S., married to Eugenia Boon, September 8, 1867 (have two children: Flavel S., and Orvie); Walker, married to Esther Gehr, in 1871 (have the following children: Ida M., J. Park, and Stewart W.); Cyrus A.; Albert C., married to Lucy Burch, in 1877; Emma L., married to William M. Hull, in 1872; Homer E., Alta M., Ella M. and Martin W. Mr. Jackson was elected in 1881, and is now serving as Justice of the Peace; is a member of the I. O. O. F.; in politics he is Greenbacker.

H. JOHNSTON, M. D., is the leading physician and surgeon of Evansburg, Penn.

JOHN S. KEAN, dairyman and farmer, P. O. Evansburg, was born in Sadsbury Township, this county, November 12, 1834, eldest son of Conrad

and Susannah (Broadt) Kean; the latter a daughter of Henry Broadt, an early pioneer of Crawford County, who settled on a large tract of land where Harmonsburg now stands. There he built a cabin, which was burned and its contents carried away by the Indians (who were still quite numerous) while he was on a trip for supplies. He then returned to Bedford County, Penn., where his family lived, but after a short time came back to his settlement, bringing with him some of his old neighbors, and succeeded in making a permanent settlement which was left undisturbed by the red man. Conrad Kean (or Keen as he spelled it) was born in Erie City, September 15, 1806. His father, Henry Kean, was a native of Gottingen, Prussia, and there learned the trade of a cabinet-maker. About the time he finished his apprenticeship he was engaged doing some work for a Mr. Antra, a man of wealth and distinction; became acquainted with Mr. Antra's beautiful and accomplished daughter, Henrietta Catharine, who had a short time before graduated from the University of Gottingen. This acquaintance ripened into a deep and confiding love for each other. As soon as the father found out the state of affairs, he quickly banished the young man from his premises. The young folks met, however, and planned an elopement, which they soon carried out. Disguised as peasants, they secured passage on an English ship about to sail for America, and when three days out of port were married by the ship's chaplain. They settled in Erie, where their two children were born: Frederick and Conrad. About the year 1809 Henry Kean died, leaving his wife and children in poverty and in a strange land. The widow subsequently married John Gehr, a Captain in the war of 1812-14 (she being at the time of this event but twenty-two and he forty-two years of age; they both lived to be over eighty years old. The fruits of this union were six children—five girls and one boy—only two now living: Israel, residing in Johnson County, Neb., and Sally Hickernell, who lives near Saegertown, this county. Conrad Kean was parent of seven children, viz.: Harriet, born May 5, 1831; Sarah, born August 22, 1832; John S. (our subject), Mariah, born December 22, 1836; Nancy Ann, born December 22, 1838, died about 1862; Delilah, born May 11, 1841, and Daniel, born August 1, 1843. John S. Kean was married to Mira C. Congdon, August 19, 1857, by whom he has had three children: Ida May, born April 27, 1858, married John L. Shipman, April 26, 1875 (have one daughter—Mabel); Inez Viella, born October 9, 1859, resides at home with her parents; and Harlan W., born November 16, 1861, died August 5, 1865. Mr. Kean when but a year and a half old, was brought to his present farm by his parents; it was then covered with woods and a board shanty was their only shelter. His father died when he was thirteen years old, and though he had but limited opportunities for obtaining an education, learning only to read and spell at school, he has by close application and self-culture stored up a large amount of useful information. He has been a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church since 1856. In politics is a strong Republican. Our subject has been elected to all the township offices; served two terms as Justice of the Peace, one by election and one by appointment by Gov. H. M. Hoyt; served one term at Pittsburgh and one at Erie as juror in the United State Courts for the Western District of Pennsylvania; is a member of the Executive Committee of Crawford County Agricultural Society. During the late war he was drafted, October 16, 1862, for nine months, served his time in the One Hundred and Sixty-ninth Regiment, Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, was discharged July 26, 1863, re enlisted on August 30, same year, in Company A, Two Hundred and Eleventh Regiment, Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, and at the close of the war was honorably discharged, June 6, 1865. He became a member of Linesville

Lodge, I. O. O. F., No. 395, remaining a member until September 12, 1881, when he withdrew for the purpose of assisting in the formation of a lodge at Evansburg, instituted November 23, 1881. He was elected N. G. of the new lodge and was its first Representative at the annual session of the Grand Lodge held in Harrisburg, Penn., May, 1882. He was one of the charter members of the Alpharetta Lodge of the Daughters of Rebekah, at Evansburg. He was a charter member of A. O. U. W., No. 99, Linesville, Penn., instituted June 30, 1876, representing it at the semi-annual session of Grand Lodge, at Philadelphia, in July of that year, and at the annual session, January, 1877, at Pittsburgh. He remained a member of that lodge until March 28, 1881, when he withdrew by card and united with Conneaut Lake Lodge, No. 105, where he still retains his membership. He became a member by initiation, of Meadville Council, No. 78, Royal Arcanum, December 26, 1878, and is still a member of the same. He also became a member of the Equitable Aid Union, No. 352, March 17, 1882. Mr Kean was for years a leading member of P. of H., but on account of being so far from place of meeting has discontinued his membership. He is owner of a farm of 150 acres and is now devoting his time to its cultivation and improvement. Our subject reads six English and two German papers.

FREDERICK KNIERMAN, farmer and stock-dealer, P. O. Evansburg, was born March 8, 1827, in Bavaria, Germany, son of Frederick and Elizabeth (Burkhardt) Knierman, natives of Bavaria, Germany, the former born in 1799, the latter in 1804. They were parents of two sons and five daughters, of whom Frederick is the eldest. Our subject served as a soldier one year, and came to America in 1849, where he remained one year, and then returned to his native country. In 1851 he again came to America, this time with his parents, who settled in Meadville, Penn., where they still reside. Soon after coming here, our subject, along with 101 others, went to the Isthmus of Panama to work on the railroad being constructed there. Here they were seized with that terrible disease, yellow fever, and all perished but our subject and another man. Mr. Knierman was married, in 1852, to Josephine Kipart, born in 1832, in Union Township, Crawford Co., Penn. By this union were eleven children, eight now living: Benjamin F., Catharine, Frederick W., Lizzie, George, John, Henry and Mary A. The deceased are Frank, Frederick, and Josephine (who died when a child). All live at home except Benjamin F., who married Elinor A. Hollenback, who bore him two children: Franklin R. and Blanche A. Our subject came to America a poor man, but by industry and economy has amassed considerable property. In 1859 he went to Mercer County, Penn., where he followed farming and dealt in real estate, buying, improving and selling farms, until, as some one remarked, " by looking over the records of Mercer County, one would suppose Frederick Knierman had owned one-half of that county." In 1874 he returned to this county, and in 1879 came to Sadsbury Township, locating on a well-improved farm of 300 acres on the State road, about one mile from Evansburg. He has shelter for all his stock, and all the conveniences necessary for a well conducted farm. Mr. Knierman is the Treasurer and oldest member of the I. O. O. F., Evansburg; is a Republican in politics. His wife belongs to the Rebekah Lodge, and both are members of the Presbyterian Church.

JAMES LINDSEY, farmer, P. O. Evansburg, was born April 7, 1832, in Sadsbury Township, this county, son of Jacob and Sarah (Stevens) Lindsey, who were parents of four children, viz.: Mary, Laura, Cyrus and James (our subject). They are all single and live on the home farm, one mile west of Evansburg. The brothers are both Democrats in politics.

HUGH G. McKAY, boot and shoe-maker, Evansburg, is a son of Joseph and Mary (Gilleland) McKay, who were the parents of seven children, three now living, viz.: Neal, Robert S. and Hugh G. Our subject has been twice married; on second occasion, July 4, 1839, to Elizabeth Walker. To this union have been born Joseph, married to Maggie Foust; Jennie; Uriah, married to Rosannah Wiser (he served during the late war in the Twelfth Pennsylvania Volunteer Cavalry); Frederick, married to Hattie Brush; Josiah N.; Hugh O., married Eva Brown; Petter H., married to Mary McMichael; David M. C. and Henry L. Mr. McKay is a tanner by trade, an occupation he followed for several years. Since 1829, with the exception of eight years, he has resided in Evansburg. He is now serving his second term as Justice of the Peace, being first elected in 1878. He is an adherent of the Methodist Episcopal Church. A member of the I. O. O. F.; in politics a Republican.

CHARLES MAGILL, farmer, P. O. Tamarac, was born in Philadelphia, Penn., in 1822, son of James and Mary (Caska) Magill, natives of Ireland. The subject of this sketch moved to Erie City, Penn., in 1824, and there received his early education. For about twenty-two years he was an engineer on lake steamers plying between Buffalo and Chicago; he came to Crawford County in 1860, and for some time continued engineering here. He now resides on a beautiful place, about two and a half miles west of Evansburg, this township, and is engaged in farming and stock-raising. Our subject was married November 1, 1845, to Margaret Kennedy. By this union were four children, viz.: Jennie, born February 14, 1847; Charles, Jr., born January 27, 1854; Hattie K., born May 27, 1857; and Georgina, born July 31, 1859, died April 9, 1884. Mr. Magill is a charter member of the I. O. O. F. Lodge at Evansburg. His wife is an adherent of the United Presbyterian Church.

ALEXANDER MELLON, farmer, P. O. Evansburg, was born in 1819, son of Andrew, Sr., and Martha (Adams) Mellon, natives of Ireland, and who came to this country about 1802. Our subject spent his early life engaged in lumbering; afterward learned the miller's trade, which he followed for four years; he is now a farmer. He was married November 4, 1844, to Elizabeth Ralston. By this union were four children: Robert, who died in infancy; Henry A., born March 23, 1848, died August 31, 1878; Martha J., born August 20, 1850, married to James T. Reed, December 31, 1868; and Frederick S., born April 7, 1853, married to Bertie Gehr, September 4, 1879, and died August 17, 1882, leaving one child—Fred H. Mr. Mellon and wife are members of the Presbyterian Church, in which the former is Elder; is also Sunday-school Superintendent at Evansburg. In politics he is a Republican.

ANDREW MELLON, JR., farmer, P. O. Evansburg, was born in 1825 on the farm where he now resides, in this township; son of Andrew, Sr., and Martha (Adams) Mellon, natives of Sadsbury Township, and parents of twelve children, five now living. The subject of this sketch was married in 1855 to Anna Buzzard. To this union were born the following named children: Frank, a member of the I. O. O. F., Evansburg; William; Robert; Lafayette, married to Lizzie Buck; Andrew and George. Mr. Mellon deals in stock, and is one of the successful farmers of Sadsbury Township.

JOHN W. MILLER, farmer, P. O. Evansburg, was born in Sadsbury Township, Crawford County, December 12, 1835, son of Jacob T. and Sally (McDowell) Miller, natives of Pennsylvania. Our subject in early life followed blacksmithing at Victoria, Knox Co., Ill. He came to this county in 1866, and now lives on a farm which he is improving and fitting up for a permanent home. It is located about two miles west of Evansburg. He was married

January 30, 1859, to Sarah E. Jones. To this union have been born six children: Sally A., Charles C., Friend E., James C., Walter B. and Joseph, all living on the home farm with their parents, except Sally A., who married John L. Spencer, and now resides in North Shenango Township, this county. Mr. Miller in politics is a Republican.

JAMES RALYA, farmer, P. O. Evansburg, was born in 1853, in Sadsbury Township, this county; son of Henry and Harriet (Newton) Ralya, the latter of whom is a daughter of Russel and Phebe (Sutton) Newton, natives of New Jersey and New York respectively. Henry and Harriet Ralya were married January 12, 1839, and were parents of seven children: Charles W., George W., Rachel H., James M., William C., Howard N. and Emma. Our subject lives on a farm of fifty acres with his mother. She is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church. He and his brother William C. own the farm, through which runs the Meadville & Lineville Railroad. William C. Ralya was born January 7, 1857, and was married March 13, 1880, to Isadora Smead, whose parents reside in Michigan. By this union there is one child, Alvie, born November 6, 1881. Mr. Ralya is in the employ of the Meadville & Linesville Railroad. In politics both our subject and his brother are Democrats.

STAFFORD RAYDURE, farmer, P. O. Evansburg, was born March 22, 1809, in Randolph, Orange Co., Vt.; son of Samuel and Lucy (Chase) Raydure, who were parents of the following children: Sophronia, Ellen, Samuel, Jr., Ziba, Abner, and Stafford, all now deceased but Abner and Stafford. Our subject was married April 1, 1832, to Desolate Quigley, born in Vernon Township, this county, April 1, 1805. To this union were born nine children, one deceased. Those now living are Rosanah, wife of Henry Werts, (have ten children); Lucy, wife of Eugene Sterns (have five children living and one deceased); Caroline, wife of Samuel Scott (have four children and reside in Nebraska); Dudley C., married to Caroline Scouden (have six children); Cordelia, wife of Alonzo Shepherd (have one daughter and reside in Nebraska); Mary, wife of Charles Shellito (have three children); Winfield Scott, married to S. Brown (have two children); Zachary Taylor, married to Etta Williams (have one daughter). Mr. Raydure first studied for the medical profession. Coming to this county in 1832, he engaged in lumbering and farming. He has been very successful and owns a large tract of land. At one time he was candidate for the Legislature from this county, coming within eleven votes of election, and would, no doubt, have been successful but over 400 votes were cast with his name mispelled Laydure, instead of Raydure. His wife, though seventy-nine years old, is active in mind and body and is able to do a large washing. Mr. Raydure and wife are active members of the Presbyterian Church. He belongs to the I. O. O. F.; in politics he is a Greenbacker.

JOHN N. SCOTT, farmer, P. O. Evansburg, was born July 25, 1856, in Sadsbury Township, this county; son of John and Susannah Scott, former of whom was born May 26, 1805, died March 2, 1866; latter born December 26, 1825, and is now residing with our subject. John Scott was twice married; on first occasion, March 10, 1836, to Sarah Mellon, who died November 18, 1849, and by this union were born four children, viz.: Mary, born February 28, 1837, wife of Jeremiah Steadman (they have three children: Sarah M., Willie C. and George W.; they live in Geneva, this county); George W., born September 20, 1839, married to Augusta Chapman, of Akron, Ohio (they have no children; they reside in Cleveland, Ohio); Louisa, born May 1, 1842, died October 9, 1849; Margaret, born October 12, 1849, married to Wilson Hood

(have two children, Farley P. and Lucretia B.). Our subject's father next married, August 13, 1850, Susannah Ralya, who bore him two children: Ransom D., born April 4, 1852, married to Nettie Godwin, of Anderson, Ind., where they now reside, and John N. Our subject resides on the old homestead, looks after the farm and pays especial attention to stock-raising. In politics he is a Democrat.

GEORGE SHELLITO, farmer, P. O. Evansburg, was born in 1817, son of George and Dorcos Shellito. He was united in marriage in 1851, with Nancy Shellito, by whom he had four children: Lizzie E., wife of John McCannont; Theresa M., wife of M. S. Henry; Eva D. and Mary R. Mr. Shellito lost his wife by death, July 14, 1882. He has a nice, well-improved farm of 150 acres. Is a Democrat in politics.

JOHN A. SHELLITO, dairyman and farmer, P. O. Evansburg, was born March 30, 1847; son of William and Mary (Shellito) Shellito, the former of whom was born in Pennsylvania, and is now living on the home place with his son; the latter, a native of Ireland, died February 21, 1884. Our subject was married September 30, 1874, to Martha L. Ralston, who was born October 18, 1853. By this union were three children: Mary D., born February 20, 1877; Esther D., born September 26, 1879, and Dallas L., born July 26, 1880. Mr. Shellito owns a farm of 156 acres of land, three-quarters of a mile west of Evansburg. He is a Democrat in politics.

PERRY SHONTZ, farmer, P. O. Evansburg, Penn., was born in the year 1848 on the farm where he now resides, and which is a part of the original tract bordering on the eastern shore of Conneaut Lake, and patented by his grandfather, Jacob Shontz, who came here from Lancaster County, Penn., in the year 1800, and made the first settlement on the eastern shore of Conneaut Lake. Our subject is a son of Samuel and Maria (Meyler) Shontz, latter of whom was a native of New York, and came to Crawford County about 1812. He was united in marriage January 1, 1877, with Lavilla A. Frame, of East Fallowfield Township, this county. By this union are three children, two now living, viz.: Frame and Vinnie; the third, a son unnamed, died at the age of three months. Mr. Shontz acquired his early education in the State Normal School at Edinboro, Penn., employing his time in attending school and teaching in the public schools throughout the southwestern part of Crawford County for eight years. He has filled various offices of trust in his native township (Sadsbury), and in 1880 was elected Justice of the Peace, which position he now holds. He and his wife are members of the United Presbyterian Church at Evansburg.

HEMAN A. SIDLER, hotel proprietor, P. O. Evansburg, was born in Meadville, Penn., in 1855; son of George Sidler, a carpenter and builder, now residing at Meadville, Penn. Our subject worked under his father at the carpentering business for fourteen years. He was married in 1874 to Olive Bayles, and by this union there are three children: Mabel, Laura and Blanche. Mr. Sidler is proprietor of the Konneyant Hotel, situated near the South Beach of Conneaut Lake and the Meadville & Linesville Railroad Depot. This house will accommodate about fifty guests, and does a thriving business, especially during the summer seasons, when large parties of excursionists visit the place, and enjoy the boating. Mr. Sidler is a member of the I. O. O. F. and K. of H. He is independent in politics.

ROYAL A. STRATTON, lumberman, P. O. Evansburg, was born March 9, 1834, in Evansburg, this county, son of Henry and Emeline (Bradley) Stratton, who were parents of three children, two now living. Our subject in early life learned the tanner's trade; then embarked in mercantile business, which he

followed some years. He is at present engaged in lumbering and in breeding and training fast horses, possessing some of the best blooded horses on the turf. He was married in 1856 to Samantha Clark. By this union were born seven children, viz.: Ella C., died in 1882; a son deceased in infancy; Blanche, Grace, Henry C. and Alta (twins), and Arthur J. Mr. Stratton is a member of the I. O. O. F., E. A. U. and A. O U. W.

JOHN H. WALKER, farmer, P. O. Stony Point, was born in 1845 in East Fallowfield Township, Crawford County, son of James and Mary (McGranathan) Walker, natives of Pennsylvania. His grandfather built the first brick house in the town of Greenville, Penn., but later removed to Minnesota, where he and his wife both died on the same day, of old age. He was ninety-two years old. Our subject was reared on a farm. During the late Rebellion he enlisted September, 1864, in the One Hundred and Seventh Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, and served till the close of the war. He was united in marriage on November 9, 1876, with Hattie Weaver, by whom he has two children: Ruby Dell, born in September, 1881, and Mary Angeline, born December, 1883. Mr. Walker in politics is a Republican.

HENRY W. YOUNG, JR., carpenter, P. O. Evansburg, was born in 1848 in Millbrook, Mercer Co., Penn., son of Henry and Polly (Alcorn) Young. He was united in marriage in 1869, with Eliza Milner, born 1849, in Coolspring Township, Mercer County, daughter of Charles and Jane (Alexander) Milner. By this union were three children: Charles M., born September 16, 1870, died February 3, 1883; Jennie M., born June 12, 1872, and Holmes, born March 19, 1874. Mr. Young is a member of the I. O. O. F., of Evansburg. Is a Republican in politics.

SOUTH SHENANGO TOWNSHIP.

RICHARD G. CRAVEN, farmer, P. O. Hartstown, was born in North Shenango Township, this county, September 9, 1828, and is a son of Shepard and Sarah (Griffey) Craven, the grandmother a native of Holland. His paternal grandfather came from New Jersey to Philadelphia, and thence to this county in 1800. His eldest son, Shepard, was born April 16, 1800, was married in 1826, and had six children, four of whom are now living: R. G., Catharine, Mary, and Prudence. Of these Mary is now the wife of J. P. Marshall, and has six children; Prudence is now the wife of M. Ticknor, has one child. Our subject was married January 3, 1861, to Mary E. Ellsworth, and they have had seven children, of whom five survive: Adda E., Dora S., Minnie M., James M. (deceased), Eddie G. (deceased), Emma M., and Grace E. Our subject's father died September 18, 1839, his mother February 11, 1884. Mrs. Craven's mother is living. They had a family of ten children, of whom she was the eldest. Mr. Craven has held several township offices and is one of the prominent farmers of the county. He worked thirty years as a carpenter before entering upon farming. Severe injuries caused by a fall from the loft of his barn prevents him from doing more than to direct the management. He is a lover of good books and provides his family with all that is necessary to make them good members of society, and by means of music, of which his daughters are accomplished players, the home is made still more pleasant and refined.

JOHN D. GAMBLE, farmer, P. O. Hartstown, was born March 15, 1813,

in Ireland, and is a son of John and Eliza (Dixon) Gamble, who had a family of six children, of whom our subject was the youngest, his mother dying soon after his birth. His father was married twice, and had eight children by his last wife, a Miss Parr. Our subject was married May 2, 1837, to Mary, daughter of Thomas Baird, who had nine children, five now living, Mrs. Gamble being the third child in the family. Mr. and Mrs. Gamble have had twelve children, of whom six survive: Eliza J., now Mrs. Atkinson, of Fulton County, Ill.; Martha C., unmarried, living in Geneva, Ohio; Sarah A., died in 1870; James D., died leaving one daughter, Emma; Thomas R. died leaving one daughter, Mary L.; John, married Elizabeth Brown, of Adamsville (have five children: Nancy, Alda, Mary, Martha and Thomas C.); Susan, now Mrs. Brown, residing in Kingman County, Kan. (has three children: Bessie, Annie, Wallace); Mary E., now Mrs. Willis, in Fulton County, Ill. (has three children: Ralph, J. D., and Bruce); William A., died unmarried; Nancy H., died in 1875; Harriet, now Mrs. J. B. Davis, at home with her parents; Robert Y., died unmarried. Our subject has been long a leading man in his township, and has held most of the township offices, has also been School Director. As he had the advantage of educated parents he was well qualified for official life. By trade Mr. Gamble was a tanner, and worked at that business fourteen years. His education was received at home under his father, who was a prominent educator of his day. In his political views he is a Democrat. He is a member of the United Presbyterian Church. His beautiful and well-improved farm lies in the northern part of the township.

HUGH M. GAMBLE, farmer, P. O. Jamestown, Mercer Co., Penn., was born in this township, August 14, 1829, and is a son of Rev. John and Elizabeth (Parr) Gamble. His father was a native of the north of Ireland, and was twice married, his first wife dying in Ireland, leaving three children, one of whom, John D., a farmer, still lives. His father came to America in 1821, as a missionary for the Presbyterian Church of Ireland, and being a classical scholar he turned his attention to the profession of teaching for a part of his time. He first landed in Newfoundland, where he remained for a time; next he came to Boston, Mass., and then to this county, where he was the real founder of the Jamestown Seminary, and the original source for Bible instruction, for which the community is so much indebted. He was found to be the right man in the right place. To him did many of the most eminent men of his day look up for instruction. His second wife, Elizabeth (Parr) Gamble, was also a native of Ireland, and by her he had eight children, seven living: Mary A., wife of James M. Snodgrass; Martha; Caroline; William J., married first Helen Beebe, who left two children, next he married Esther Bingham, who has three children; Andrew T., who is in California; Hugh M., our subject; and David, who is married to Samantha Mossman, and has three children. Our subject was educated in the Franklin Academy, where his father was Principal. He was brought up to hard labor, and when embarking out on life's career for himself he had no money—nothing but stout hands and a willing heart, and by frugality and unabating efforts he has secured a beautiful farm near the village of Jamestown. Here he lives and enjoys the confidence and respect of his many neighbors. Mr. Gamble was married in 1862, to Ellen, daughter of William McKee, who died in 1865, leaving one child—Wilson P. Mr. Gamble was next married to Ellen, daughter of the late William Dickey, and by this union there are four children: William D., Mary E., Maggie M. and Samuel C. In this volume appears a portrait of our subject as a representative of the Gamble family who did so much for the village of Jamestown, in the way of educational interests, etc. It was preferable on the part

of Mr. Gamble to have his father's portrait in the work, but as no likeness of the latter exists, he consents to appear himself. Mr. Gamble is a member and Ruling Elder of the United Presbyterian Church; is a sociable, affable gentleman, one who attends strictly to his own business and relies on his own judgment.

WILLIAM F. JOHNSON, farmer, P. O. Turnersville, was born May 17, 1818, in New Jersey, and is a son of Joseph and Christina (Howe) Johnson, the former of New Jersey, the latter of Ohio. Joseph Johnson was married in New Jersey to Miss Howe in 1814; they removed to New York and there spent the remainder of their days. They were the parents of nine children: Sally A. (deceased), William F., Jacob W., Catharine, Andrew J. (deceased), Harriet, Matthew, Christiania, and one who died in infancy. Jacob W. married Nancy June, resides in Iowa; Catharine, now Mrs. Jesse Trapp; Sally A. deceased, was Mrs. George Lewis; Matthew married Helen McClane, resides in Illinois; Harriet married George Lewis; Christiania married Harrison Lewis; William F., our subject, first married Miss M. Hyle, by whom he had five children: Louisa, George W., Thomas H., Mary C., and Willie, who died young, Louisa is now Mrs. Anger, a widow with one surviving child—Jessie; George W. married Miss P. J. Nivens, and they have three children: William, Clark and Lee; Thomas H. married Miss Corinda Davis, and they have three children: Charles, Gertie and Dana; Mary C. married J. McClurg, and they have three children: May A., Ferdinand and Howard. Our subject lost his wife by death in 1850, and in 1857 he married Miss Mary Jane, daughter of Jacob Ward, the eldest of six children. Mr. Ward lives in North Shenango. The result of this union was twelve children: Olive C., Emma, William P., James H., Grant M. (died young), Minnie E., Alta M., Arthur, Wood J., Maud, Frank E. and Howard. Our subject received his early education in New York State. When twenty years of age he bought his time of his father, giving his note for $150, which he afterward paid up, just as he would any other note. He then rented a farm of his wife's step-father, being married young. He remained there two years, when he removed to this county, settling near the old church in South Shenango, and bought his first farm of Huidekoper, and afterward bought a farm of John Eastlick, on which he now lives. His lands where he lives comprise 540 acres, and 140 acres east, and what is more remarkable, considering how he started in life, he is out of debt. He is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church; has been in various official positions in the church, and is now Steward. In politics he is a Republican, and is a leading man in his township.

SAMUEL J. LOGAN, farmer, P. O. Hartstown, was born September 17, 1838, on the farm on which he now resides, and is the son of David, Jr., and Amelia (Barackman) Logan. His grandfather, David Logan, Sr., came from Tyrone, Ireland, to this county in 1798, taking up 200 acres of land belonging to the Holland Company, in what is now South Shenango, and there died in 1839, his widow following in 1855. They had six children, of whom but one survives, Mary, now Mrs. Barackman. David Logan, Jr., was married in 1827 to Amelia, daughter of Samuel Barackman, and they had five children, all living: Henrietta, Albert, Sarah C., David and Samuel J. Henrietta is now Mrs. R. W. Clark; Albert married Adaline Greenlee; Sarah C. married Scott A. Marshall; David married Martha Montgomery. Our subject was married September 7, 1869, to Angeline, daughter of Peter Free. Mrs. Logan is the younger of two children by her father's first wife, he having been married twice. Mr. Logan has held all the township offices including Justice of the Peace, and at the expiration of his second year he was elected to the Leg-

islature, and resigned the office of Justice of the Peace. He was elected to the Legislature in 1874, and was a member of that body during the years of 1875 and 1876. He is a member, Trustee and Elder of the United Presbyterian Church at Hartstown. He is a descendant of the heroes of 1812 and 1813, his forefathers having fought for their country in that great struggle. His early education was obtained in the common schools, and he received in addition an academical training, but is practically a self-made man. He has had thrilling adventures with Indians in crossing the plains, before there were railroads west of the Missouri River, in the far West, in the gold fields of Montana.

JOSEPH McGRANAHAN, farmer, P. O. Jamestown, Mercer Co., Penn., was born in East Fallowfield Township, Crawford County, November 14, 1823, and is a son of George and Jane (Blair) McGranahan, natives of this county. His grandfather, John McGranahan, in 1798 came from the north of Ireland to this county, settling in East Fallowfield. George McGranahan was the eighth of a family of ten children, and is now the only one of the family living. His family consisted of twelve children, of whom nine survive: Henry, John, William, James, Benoni, Joseph (our subject), Elizabeth (Mrs. Myers), Jane (Mrs. Wilcox), Caroline (Mrs. Henry). Our subject was married September 6, 1849, to Margaret, daughter of Matthew McMichael, who was the second of a family of five children. The result of this union has been eight children: George B., T. Harvey, Hugh, Martin (married to Maud Collins, of Espyville, Penn.), Anderson, Ada, Grace, May. George married Hattie James, in Colorado. Harvey and George are in the mercantile business in Colorado. Mr. McGranahan's parents are both living in Ohio Our subject has a gas well which supplies light and fuel; the well was originally bored for oil. In his religious associations he adheres to the United Presbyterian Church.

REV. DANIEL McLEAN was born in Lancaster County, Penn., in 1771. His father and two brothers came from Scotland and settled originally in eastern Pennsylvania. When the subject of this sketch was young, the family left Lancaster County and moved to Washington County, which was then the frontier settlement in this section of the State. The place they occupied was a farm about four miles from Cannonsburg, a village then unknown, since renowned as the seat of Jefferson College, prior to which was the academy of Rev. John McMillen. At this academy Rev. Daniel McLean was educated, among the very first who ever attended there. In 1793 he placed himself under the care and instruction of Rev. John Anderson, to complete his academical course and to study theology. This divinity and collegiate school was located at Service, Beaver Co., Penn., and was the first divinity hall established in this country. His was the first class under Dr. Anderson's care, and consisted of William Willson, James Duncan, Ebenezer Henderson and himself. Mr. McLean was licensed to preach in 1799, andwas the third one who graduated from that school. He was first sent to New York City by the Presbytery of the Associate Presbyterian Church, where he preached acceptably to those to whom he was sent; from there he went into eastern New York, notably Washington County, and ministered there for some time, returning to Ligonier, Penn., where he preached for a time in accordance with instructions from his Presbytery, to which he reported on his return. He was then sent to this section of the State, where for two years previous many Presbyterian families of Scotch and Scotch-Irish descent had come from the lower or eastern counties of the State, and which was then known as the "big vacancy," for as yet no Associate Presbyterian minister had visited this section. After remaining in Crawford, Erie and Mercer Counties for some time, and laboring to organ-

ize congregations at different places, but especially at South Shenango, Sandy, and Salem (now Greenville), he returned to his home in Washington County, where he received calls for his pastoral services from Ligonier, and from Shenango and Sandy. Regarding these latter as the most profitable field for usefulness, although the country was almost an unbroken wilderness, he accepted the call from Shenango and Sandy, to which was afterward added Salem (now Greenville). This occurred January 1, 1802, the salary fixed at £135. This arrangement continued until 1805, when his whole services were divided between Shenango and Greenville, until the fall of 1840, when he resigned the charge at Greenville, to take effect May 1, 1841, at which time his son, Rev. D. H. A. McLean, D. D., became the pastor of the Greenville Church in Mercer County, and Rev. Daniel McLean continued pastor for all his time at the Shenango Church in this county. His pastoral labors extended up to April, 1855, when he was at his own request released from further pastoral duties, and June 5 of the same year he passed from death to Life, being in the eighty-fourth year of his age, and the fifty-sixth of his ministry, fifty-four years of which had been spent in the pastorate of the Shenango Church. Mr. McLean was twice married. His first wife was Catharine, daughter of John Reed, of Washington County, Penn., sister of Mrs. Murray and Mrs. Imbrie, whose husbands were both Associate Presbyterian ministers with Mr. McLean in the same Presbytery. In 1804 he was married to Mary Glover, daughter of James Glover, of Pittsburgh. By his first wife he had one daughter, who married Joseph Reed, of Washington County, Penn. By the second wife he had four sons and two daughters who grew to manhood and womanhood, and three children that died early in life. Of these children four are still living: Mrs. Nancy White, the eldest, widow of Dr. James White (deceased)—she was born in 1805, and lives near Hartstown, Penn.; William McLean, born in 1813, and lives near Richmond, Va.; Rev. D. A. McLean, D. D., was born in 1816, and lives near Beaver, Penn.; Mrs. Margaretta Glover King, born in 1821, widow of Wilson King (deceased), lives at Erie, Penn. In person Mr. McLean was compactly built, and had a strong, vigorous constitution that met the demands made upon it in his pioneer life readily and without injury to him. In manners his life was the reflection of perfect grace and courtesy of the old school. In sincerity no man excelled him; love of the truth for its own sake inspired his whole life; love for man, for the eternal welfare of human souls, was the strong force that was the secret of the fervor and influence he wielded wherever known. His conception of Christian life and duty were very exalted. His personal life was in strict accordance with his conceptions.

SCOTT A. MARSHALL, farmer, P. O. Hartstown, was born in this township, August 18, 1830, and is a son of David and Mary (Waid) Marshall, who are now deceased. His paternal grandparents were Michael and Mary (Thompson) Marshall, who came from Perry County to this county in 1798. They settled in this township, and there spent the remainder of their days, both dying at a good old age. Michael Marshall commenced pioneer life when all of a man's labors were with his own hands, without the aid of machinery, and when a well-filled powder horn and a blanket could purchase 100 acres of land. He and his children and his children's children are members of the United Presbyterian Church, and although he lived in a small cabin, their splendid brick edifices now adorn the face of the county. His family were eight in number, two of whom survive: Joseph, and Sallie, now Mrs. Christy. David Marshall, our subject's father, by his first wife had two children: Margaret, now Mrs. Shonts, and one who died in infancy. By his second wife, Mary

Waid, he had four sons and one daughter: Scott A., John W., James P., William and Agnes. Our subject was married, October 14, 1852, to Sarah, daughter of David Logan, she being the third child in her family of five children. They have five children: Ada, David, John A., William H. and Lena M. Ada is now Mrs. J. Jamison, and David married Georgie Logan. Our subject has been School Director for many years. In 1862 he was elected County Commissioner, and served three years, and so popular was he that in 1881 he was again elected to the same office, and now in his last year he is nominated again for a third term. Mr. Marshall is noted for his strict business habits. He is a member of the United Presbyterian Church. In his political views he is a Republican.

JOHN W. RALSTON, farmer, P. O. Jamestown, Mercer Co., Penn., was born in this township, February 15, 1833, and is a son of John and Hannah (Dowling) Ralston, natives of this State, former from east of the mountains. His grandfather came with his parents in 1800, at the age of eleven, from Scotland, and they settled in this State, and in 1821 or 1822 they removed to this county, settling in South Shenango. Mr. and Mrs. John Ralston had a family of ten children, of whom eight are now living: Jeremiah (married twice, had a large family by his first wife of whom six are living; his second wife is Mary McGranahan); Mary N. (now Mrs. West, had one child); Sara A. (now Mrs. Campbell, has two children); Margaret J. (now Mrs. Christie, has seven children); Elizabeth (now Mrs. Steele, has nine children); J. D. N. (married Miss Vasbinder; he died leaving one child); Hannah (deceased; she was Mrs. Robb; left one child); Martha; John W.; W. H. (who married his brother's widow, formerly Miss Vasbinder), and Martha (now Mrs. Dowling, has two children). John W. Ralston, who was the ninth in his family, was married, April 5, 1861, to Elizabeth J., daughter of Wallace Crawford, who had three sons and three daughters, of whom Mrs. Ralston was the eldest. His father came into this county in 1833. Mr. and Mrs. Ralston have six children, all living: Maggie L., Hugh W., Emory, John E., James C. and Ralph H. Mr. Ralston is now on the home farm, within two miles of Jamestown. His father was an adherent of the Secession Church; himself of the United Presbyterian Church.

J. W. WEST, farmer, P. O. Jamestown, Mercer Co., Penn., was born in this township, October 9, 1855, and is a son of Asa and Mary (Ralston) West, natives of New York State. His grandparents on his father's side were Robert and Mary (Warner) West, who settled in Mercer County in 1833, and there lived until 1845, when they finally settled in Ashtabula County, where he died in 1860, his wife following in 1868. They had ten children: Rosina, Ervin, Asa, Hannah, Susan, Marian, Sarah A., Annetta, Angenett, and one who died in infancy. Asa West, the father of our subject, was married, December 5, 1839, to Mary, daughter of John and Hannah Ralston, by whom he had two children: Laurinda M., who died in infancy, and J. W. Our subject was married, October 15, 1878, to Amanda, daughter of J. C. and Mary J. McAdoo. They have one child—Viola R. Mr. West occupies the old home farm, and looks after the interests of his aged parents, which are, of course, identical with his own. He is a bright, intelligent young man.

SPARTA TOWNSHIP.

HORACE A. ALSDORF, farmer, P. O. Spartansburg, was born in this township, October 1, 1832, son of Seamen and Margaret (Birch) Alsdorf, natives of Southeast, N. Y., and who came to this township in an early day and were married here. They were parents of nine children, all of whom are now living and all married, but one. Mr. Alsdorf, now in his seventy-eighth year, has a farm of sixty acres, mostly cleared and improved by himself, Sparta Township being a wilderness when he settled here, without roads, fences, and with but few houses or people, deer and wild beasts roaming over the county. His wife died in 1877. Our subject was reared in this township, having, like other pioneers' children, but few opportunities for acquiring an education. He was married in 1853, to Anna E. Coleman, a native of Germany, and whose father died in Germany; her mother, also a native of Germany, died in this country. After marriage, Mr. and Mrs. Alsdorf settled in Bloomfield Township, this county, and after living on a farm there for nine years, they moved back finally to this township. To them were born five children, four now living: Margaret, Dawson S., Dalton W. and Myrna E., the last three being of one age, (triplets) eight years old November 8, 1884. Mrs. Alsdorf departed this life August 5, 1882. Our subject, who is one of the prosperous farmers of this township, is residing on his well-improved farm of 170 acres, which is supplied with suitable buildings. He possesses some of the finest thoroughbred horses in the county, and intends soon to invest in Ayrshire stock.

JEREMIAH BAKER, farmer, P. O. Spartansburg, was born in Canisteo, Steuben County, N. Y., November 12, 1809, son of William and Polly (Stevens) Baker, the former a native of Massachusetts, the latter of New York State. William Baker was a soldier in the war of 1812, and his father of the Revolutionary struggle, both being unharmed. He and his wife left Steuben County when our subject was a child, locating until about 1845 in Clarence, Erie Co., N. Y., when they came to Sparta Township, but after living about two years with their son, they purchased a farm in Union Township, Erie County, Penn., where they passed the balance of their lives. William Baker was twice married, his first wife dying in 1818, leaving six children, our subject being the only survivor. His second wife, who died in 1879, also left six children, three now living. Jeremiah Baker received a common school education, and in 1830 came from Erie County, N. Y., to this county, and purchased thirty acres of land in Sparta Township, to which he has added, until he has now a fine improved farm of 105 acres with suitable buildings thereon. He has been twice married, on first occasion, January 24, 1833, to Harriet Akin, a native of New York State, and whose parents settled in Concord, Erie Co., Penn., in an early day. She died August 26, 1834. Had one child who died in infancy. Mr. Baker then married, February 1, 1837, Esther Stowell, born in Vermont, March 12, 1815. Her parents were early settlers of Erie County, Penn. By this union were six children, four now living: Emily S., wife of L. E. Pearce, in mercantile business at Morris, Minn.; Polly, wife of M. G. Godfrey, Worcester, Mass.; Louis L., married and residing in this township, and Edwin A., married and living on the old homestead. One daughter,

Hattie May, married Frank Segar; she died September 22, 1881, and he followed her in 1882, leaving one child. Mr. and Mrs. Baker are adherents of the Universalist Church, and are much respected in the community. Our subject is an A. F. & A. M.; was a member of the I. O. O. F. and P. of H. He has filled most of the township offices; was one of the County Commissioners when the court house was built, and is a stockholder and Director of the People's Savings Bank, in Meadville. In politics he is a Republican.

JAMES BAKER, farmer, P. O. Spartansburg, was born in Sparta Township, this county, November 4, 1836, eldest son of Lewis and Sarah Ann (Webb) Baker, the former of whom, a native of New York, came to this county when twenty-two years old, and taught school for several terms; the latter was born in Massachusetts, and came here when a child with her parents. They were married in Sparta Township, and lived near where Jeremiah Baker now resides, but afterward settled in Spring Creek Township, Warren Co.; Penn., where Mr. Baker died in the fall of 1882. His widow still resides there on the old homestead. They were for many years consistent members of the Methodist Episcopal Church; had a family of eleven children, seven now living. Our subject, after acquiring a common school education, worked on the farm. He was married, January 10, 1858, to Laura A. Alden, a native of Essex County, N. Y., and daughter of Daniel and Harriet Alden, natives of New England. By this union are four children: Emma H. (wife of George Kerr), Will J., Josie M. and Rollin T. In 1861 Mr. Baker enlisted in the One Hundred and Eleventh Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, and participated in the battles of Antietam, Cedar Mountain, Chancellorsville, Gettysburg, Wauhatchie, Lookout Mountain, Ringgold, Mission Ridge, White Pigeon, Resaca, Dallas, Dalton, Kenesaw Mountain, Peach Tree Creek and Atlanta, and was honorably discharged July, 1865, and returned home without a wound. For four years after the war our subject engaged in carpentering, but has since been farming. He owns some fine Percheron and Norman horses and Durham cattle. Mr. Baker and his wife are consistent members of the Methodist Episcopal Church. He belongs to the E. A. U. and G. A. R. He is now serving as School Director of this township. Politically he is a Republican.

AARON BATES, farmer, Spartansburg, was born in Spring Creek Township, Warren Co., Penn., April 16, 1836, son of Nicholas and Nancy Bates, natives of Massachusetts and New York respectively. Nicholas Bates engaged in lumbering most of his life, took up the farm in Sparta Township, this county, now owned by our subject. He died in Spring Creek Township, Warren Co., Penn., March 23, 1867, aged sixty years. His widow, who was a member of the Presbyterian Church, died April 18, 1883, aged sixty-eight. They had eight children, five now living. Aaron, the eldest son, was educated in the common schools, then followed lumbering until he was twenty-six years of age, when he bought his present farm in Sparta Township, on which he has since resided. He owns 131 acres of land with good buildings and improvements. He was married, December 25, 1861, to Susan, daughter of Chauncy and Rosanna Lopus; the former a native of New York, the latter of Ireland. They are parents of eight children, all now living. Mr. and Mrs. Bates have three children: Lewellyn R., Irvin W. and Ella May. Mr. Bates and family are much respected in this community. He has held some of the township offices, is a F. & A. M., and in politics a Democrat.

NICHOLAS BATES, farmer, P. O. Spartansburg, was born in Spring Creek Township, Warren Co., Penn., December 18, 1837, son of Sanford and Parney (Bills) Bates, the former a native of Massachusetts, the latter of

Ohio. They were early settlers of this county, residing where their son William now lives. Mr. Bates departed this life October 3, 1874, and his widow followed him in 1876. She was an excellent Christian lady, a member of the Baptist Church, and much respected by all. They were parents of six children, three of whom are now living. Our subject was married to Mary L. Dexter, a native of Warren County, Penn., and daughter of John and Minerva (Burroughs) Dexter, natives of New England, who had a family of eight children, seven now living. Mr. Dexter was accidentally killed in 1866. To Mr. and Mrs. Bates has been born one child—John G. Mr. Bates has been a resident of Sparta Township over forty years. In politics he is a Democrat.

WILLIAM D. BLAKESLEE, farmer and lumberman, P. O. Spartansburg, was born at Sparta, this township, November 30, 1825, son of Reuben and Prudence (Vorce) Blakeslee, natives of Washington County, N. Y. After their marriage they came to this county, and were among the first settlers of Sparta Township, having cut their way through sixteen miles of woodlands in coming from Meadville, Penn. All of their nine children grew up and were married, three now living. Reuben Blakeslee's father was a soldier in the Revolutionary war. He settled on 250 acres of State land, of which he cleared and improved about fifty acres. He was an influential citizen, holding most of the township offices. He died about 1848, his widow following him two years later. Our subject, the ninth in the family, was obliged to assist his parents on the farm, and therefore had but limited educational advantages, attending school only a few months. He was married at Sparta, December 22, 1844, to Chloe Rasey, a native of Washington County, N. Y., daughter of James and Adelia (Hatch) Rasey, who were born, reared and married in Washington County, N. Y., coming here after their marriage. This union has been blessed with eleven children: Marion (wife of Henry Jackson), Mary L. (wife of William Murray), Charles, James N., Salome A. (wife of Isaac T. King), William A., Walter E., Elmer, Curtis W., Clarence (deceased), and Evvie, living at home. Mr. Blakeslee has been a hard worker, accumulating all he has by his industry, integrity and honesty. He bought his present farm, which he has improved and cultivated, of Timothy Smith. It comprises 120 acres of land. He has always engaged in farming until within a year ago, when he turned his attention to lumbering. His mill, located on the farm near his house, has the capacity of turning out 5,000,000 shingles annually, which are shipped to New York, Buffalo and other markets. Mr. Blakeslee has served as Pathmaster several years, refusing all other township offices. He is a Democrat in politics, but looks more to principles than to party.

GEORGE W. BLAKESLEE, P. O. Spartansburg, was born in Sparta Township, this county, April 12, 1830, oldest son of Jesse A. and Betsey Blakeslee; the former, when seventeen years old, came to this county with his father, David Blakeslee, brothers and sister, his mother having died in New York State. They remained two years in Meadville, Penn., before coming to Sparta Township, and from there they came through the woods over what is now known as the State road and settled on the farm now owned by their son Hiram. Jesse Blakeslee was twice married, on the first occasion, in 1829, to Betsey McCray, by whom he had seven children, five now living. His wife dying in 1850 he married in 1851, Mrs. Fannie Pierce, who bore him three children, two now living. He died in 1872. His widow is now living with her son Hiram, on the old homestead. Our subject received a common school education and then engaged in agricultural pursuits, purchasing 125 acres of land of A. Huidekoper, which he has cleared and improved and added to until he now has a fine farm of 150 acres. On April 29, 1859, he was married to Francenia, daughter

of N. Pierce, an early settler of this county. To this union have been born five children: Ernest, Adell, Arthur, Mark and Victor. Mr. Blakeslee has always been a stanch Democrat. He has filled several of the township offices.

HERBERT E. BLAKESLEE, farmer and dairyman, P. O. Spartansburg, was born in Spartansburg, July 10, 1851, son of Abraham and Harriet Blakeslee, natives of New York and pioneer settlers of Sparta Township, this county, the former of whom came here in 1818 with his parents, who settled on the farm now owned by their son Cyrus, and kept the first hotel in this part of the county. He was a brother of William D. Blakeslee, whose biography appears above, and was a prominent farmer, at one time the largest land and stock-owner in this county; was continually elected to some public office of trust. He departed this life in 1874, honored and beloved by all. His widow now resides with her son Herbert. They had nine children, viz.: Selden H., died at his residence in Spartansburg, October 14, 1884; Anna A., wife of Charles Binney, in Spartansburg; Moses H., living in Erie County; Prudence M., wife of William S. Hall, at Vinton, Iowa; Oliver P., Cyrus A., Frank M.; Delia A., wife of P. Mahoney in Corry, and Herbert E. Mrs. Blakeslee's father, Moses Higgins, built the first grist-mill in Sparta Township, this county. Our subject resides on the old homestead, comprising 160 acres of well improved land. From an elevation on this farm can be seen twelve different townships in Crawford, Erie and Warren Counties. Herbert Blakeslee was married, September, 1879, to Louisa, daughter of W. H. and Adelaide Casey, natives of Vermont, now living in Hudson, N. Y. Our subject is one of the energetic and prosperous farmers of the county. In politics he is a stanch Democrat.

JOSEPH F. BRADFORD, farmer, P. O. Glyndon, was born in Ludlow, Windsor Co., Vt., July 15, 1826, the youngest and only surviving child of David and Esther (Burton) Bradford, natives of the same State, which they left in 1841 to settle in Rome Township, this county. David Bradford was a soldier in the war of 1812. After remaining in Rome Township some fifteen years he removed to this township. In 1865 he located in Erie County, Penn., and there died in 1873, aged eighty-five, his wife having preceded him in 1862. They were members of the Baptist Church and parents of eight children. Our subject, after receiving a common school education, entered upon the active duties of farming. In 1861 he enlisted in the Eighty-third Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry. After serving in three regiments and participating in most of the principal battles, he was honorably discharged in July, 1865, and returned home. He was married, July 4, 1848, to Elizabeth, daughter of Ebenezer Hunt, an early settler of Richmond Township, this county, and who is still living. To this union have been born eight children, six now living: Lovina, wife of Arthur Knapp, residing in this township; Vietta, wife of John Harmon, in Rome Township, this county; Elmer, Alonzo, Arthur and Louis, living at home. Mr. Bradford was ordained a minister in June, 1856, and began his pastorate in the Baptist Church in Rome Township, this county. He was instrumental in building the church of this denomination in Centreville, of which he was pastor for many years. He was in Oregon two years and did much valuable work in the churches of that State. On account of ill health he was obliged to give up the ministry. He has a pleasant home and a well-improved farm of fifty-one acres, which he has cleared himself and erected his own buildings. Politically he is a Republican.

JOHN G. BURLINGHAM, retired merchant, Spartansburg, was born in Hume, Allegany Co., N. Y., February 9, 1826, son of Jonathan and Freelove (Well) Burlingham, natives of Otsego County, N. Y., where they were born

in 1797, there being only ten days' difference in their ages. They were married in 1819, and settled in Allegany County, N. Y., in 1823, where the former died in 1868 and the latter in 1872. They had a family of four children, all of whom are now living. Our subject remained at home until he was twenty-four years old. He attended the common schools. He was married October 30, 1849, to Zenana Potter, a native of Sinclairville, Chautauqua Co., N. Y., by whom he had four children: Gertrude, who died at the age of eighteen years; Blanche, wife of C. A. McSparren, in Erie, Penn.; Berthie, wife of R. A. Neily, in Spartansburg, and Wells P., living at home. Mr. Burlingham engaged in general merchandise and drug business at Titusville, Penn., for four years; then came to Spartansburg and was actively engaged in general mercantile business for twenty-four years. On March 7, 1878, he lost three store buildings and many thousand dollars by fire. He subsequently rebuilt and carried on the same business for about a year, when he retired on account of ill health. He was one of the pioneer business men of this place, and is largely identified with its growth and prosperity. Mr. Burlingham was Postmaster at Titusville, and since coming here has held various local offices; was Justice of the Peace for many years, and also the first station agent. In politics he is a Democrat; in religion, a Universalist. He has been a member of the Masonic fraternity for over thirty years, and has taken nineteen degrees. He states that forty years ago he made a vow which he has sacredly kept, never to use intoxicating liquors, tobacco, gamble nor bet. He and his family are much respected in the community.

JAMES BURROWS, farmer, P. O. Spartansburg, was born in Butternuts, Otsego Co., N. Y., October 6, 1824, son of Amasa and Phiana (Nowland) Burrows, natives of that State, the former of Columbia and the latter of Dutchess County. They were parents of eight children, seven now living. Amasa Burrows was a soldier in the war of 1812; pursued farming all his life in Chenango County, N. Y., and died October 28, 1876. His widow is now living, aged eighty-nine. Our subject, the third child, received a common school education and afterward attended the Oxford Academy, Oxford, Chenango Co., N. Y. From there he came, in 1853, to Warren County, Penn., where he engaged in mercantile trade for nine years, and then settled on his present farm in Sparta Township, which comprises 222 acres of land with good improvements. He was married, March 2, 1862, to Melissa R. Phillips, daughter of Alexander and Rebecca (Kelsey) Phillips, natives of New York, who settled on the farm now owned by Mr. Burrows, over sixty years ago. This union has been blessed with four children: Maud (wife of James B. Whitman, residing in Spring Creek, Penn.), James L., Curtis C. and Georgia A. Mr. Burrows is a prosperous farmer; has held most of the township offices; in politics he is a Democrat.

EVAN CHELTON, farmer, P. O. Spartansburg, was born in Radnorshire, South Wales, January 20, 1818, son of John and Mary (Evans) Chelton, natives of England, where the latter died in 1835. Our subject and his brother, Thomas, came to America June, 1838, settling in Erie County, Penn., and in 1843 their father and five children came to this country. John Chelton passed the greater part of the remainder of his life with his son in Erie County, Penn., but died in Bloomfield Township, Crawford County, in 1859. He was parent of ten children, seven of whom came to this country, four of them now living. Our subject received but a limited education, and worked on a farm. He was married to Hannah Babcock, a native of Eden, Erie Co., N. Y., who died October 20, 1877, leaving two children: John L., residing in Oil City, and Mary L., wife of S. Darling, in Silverton, Col. On September 12, 1878, Mr.

Chelton was married to Electa Willett, a native of the town of Dumfries, Canada, born in 1818, and who came to Monroe County, N. Y., when twelve years old, and there lived till she came to Pennsylvania. Her parents were Canadians, who settled in New York State many years ago and there died. Isaac Willett was born in Pluckemin, N. J., in 1776, died in 1844; he raised a family of nine children. In 1869 Mr. Chelton purchased his present farm of forty-three acres of good land adjoining Spartansburg. He is a Democrat in politics. Mrs. Chelton is a consistent member of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

A. L. COWLES, physician, Spartansburg, was born in Harmony, Chautauqua Co., N. Y., August 7, 1850, only son of George W. and Phebe A. (Cushing) Cowles, natives of Massachusetts, who settled in Chautauqua County, N. Y., in an early day. Mr. Cowles is residing in that county at the present time; his wife died in 1868. Our subject after attending the common schools and Jamestown Academy, in 1874 entered Bellevue Hospital Medical College, in New York City, where he remained two years. He then attended a course of lectures at Columbus, Ohio, graduating with honors in 1877, and began to practice his profession in Randolph, N. Y. The Doctor was married January, 1873, to Miss Virda Van Deusen, a native of Westfield, N. Y. In 1883 he located in Spartansburg, where he has by application and successful practice won the confidence of the community, and is recognized as one of the rising physicians of Crawford County. Dr. Cowles is a Republican in politics; is a F. & A. M. and a member of the I. O. O. F.

FRANKLIN DAY, farmer, P. O. Riceville, was born in Granville, Washington Co., N. Y., January 10, 1826, son of Joseph and Sarah (Burch) Day, the former a native of Windham County, Conn., the latter of Greenwich, Washington Co., N. Y. They were married in the latter county and lived there about twenty-five years; thence moved to Sparta and located on the farm comprising 260 acres, now owned in part by our subject. Joseph Day was a carpenter by trade, and followed this occupation in connection with farming. He died in 1869, his wife having preceded him in 1850. They were parents of seven children, one dying when fourteen, and another in infancy. Our subject acquired a common school education and attended Allegheny College, Meadville, for two years. He taught school twelve terms; is one of the best educated men in this vicinity, always taking great interest in educational matters, serving as School Director for fifteen years. In 1860 he was married to Martha J. Bassett, a native of Hawley, Mass. To them have been born six children: Flora, Emma, Alice, Mary, Edwin and Avis. Mr. Day in 1862 enlisted in the Sixteenth Pennsylvania Cavalry, and served till the close of the war in the Army of the Potomac. He participated in the battles of the Wilderness, Fredericksburg, Chancellorsville, etc., being with Grant in most of his engagements. He was honorably discharged June 15, 1865, and returned home. In politics he is a Republican. He and his family are highly respected in the community where they have lived so long.

JOSIAH FRALICK, farmer, P. O. Spartansburg, was born in Montgomery County, N. Y., December 4, 1822, son of Abraham and Margret (Devendorf) Fralick, of German descent, who were born, reared and married in Montgomery County, N. Y.; where they resided forty-seven years, and where their seven children were born. Mr. Fralick lost his wife in 1829, remarried and subsequently came to Erie County and resided in Concord Township till his death, which occurred in 1879. Our subject acquired a common school education, and learned the mason's trade, which he followed during his younger days. In 1852 he located in Sparta Township, this county, on his present

farm comprising 100 acres of good land, most of which has been cleared and improved by his industry, and has erected suitable buildings thereon. May 8, 1859, he was married to Gerusha M., daughter of Philip and Amanda (Coats) Pierce, who settled in this township over fifty years ago, and are still living here honored and respected by all. This union has been blessed with one child—Alice Mae—born March 7, 1863. It can truly be said of Mr. and Mrs. Fralick that industry and success have characterized their lives. In politics he is a Democrat.

THOMAS FULLER, farmer, P. O. Spartansburg, was born December 20, 1806, in Whitehall, Washington Co., N. Y., son of Abiezer and Sarah (Lyons) Fuller, the former a native of Vermont, the latter of Washington County, and who moved in 1817 to Elk Creek Township, Erie Co., Penn.. where they resided about nine years, and then settled in Sparta Township, this county. They were parents of twelve children, five now living. Mrs. Fuller's father was crippled by a wound received on Lake Champlain during the Revolutionary war. Our subject, the second in the family, was reared on a farm, helping his father, who was a poor man, and enjoyed but limited educational advantages. In 1831 he married Huldah, daughter of Silas and Sally (Hare) Bates, natives of Connecticut and Massachusetts respectively, and who settled in Erie County, Penn., in 1823, whence after a short residence they came to this county and located in Sparta Township. Of their family of ten children, four are now living. To Mr. and Mrs. Fuller have been born four children: Jasper L., who, with his wife, was killed at the Angola disaster in 1867; Mary A., wife of Irwin Kindly; Jane A., wife of Joel Rogers; and Flora May, who died in September, 1878. Our subject and wife are the oldest couple living in this township, having settled after their marriage on their present farm, comprising 150 acres of the best land in Sparta Township, all of which Mr. Fuller has cleared excepting fifteen acres. He has given 100 acres to his daughters, who reside near him. He has satisfactorily served as Supervisor, Constable, Road Commissioner, and in other township offices. In politics is a Democrat. Mr. Fuller has always been a hard worker, but though he has passed the allotted period of life, he is as spry and active as most men of fifty.

HIRAM F. FULLER, farmer, P. O. Spartansburg, was born in Elk Creek Township, Erie Co., Penn., April 21, 1824, son of Abiezer and Sarah (Lyons) Fuller, the latter a sister of Jasper Lyons, an early settler of Richmond Township, this county. They were natives of New York State, and settled in Sparta Township, where our subject now resides, in 1828, and began making a home in the wilderness, enduring many privations and hardships. Though game was abundant, bread-stuff was scarce, and their only way of obtaining money was by making and selling black salt. Mr. Fuller was a hard-working man, and did his share in clearing up this township. He died in October, 1837; his widow February 12, 1861, aged seventy-four years They were the parents of ten children, nine of whom grew up and were married. Our subject, September 29, 1847, married Sophronia E., daughter of Salmon and Eliza (Eggleston) Sturdevant, natives of Litchfield County, Conn., and early settlers of Bloomfield Township. To Mr. and Mrs. Fuller were born John W. (deceased), Mariette (deceased), Aaron, Hiram H., Sarah E. (wife of Eugene Ceder, of Chautauqua County, N. Y.), Emma J. (deceased), William N., Clara, and Herbert E., living at home. Mr. Fuller learned and followed shoe-making for thirteen years. He has a farm of 144 acres, most of which is cleared and improved, with good substantial buildings thereon. Politically he is a Republican, but not a partisan in his views. He is among the reliable and substantial citizens of Sparta Township. He and his wife are members of the P. of H.

MRS. CHRISTIANA GROOM, P. O. Spartansburg, was born August 28, 1818, in Pittstown, Rensselaer Co., N. Y., daughter of Silas and Mary E. (Snyder) Purdy, who were natives of the same county. They were the parents of twelve children—three sons and nine daughters—six of whom are living. Mr. Purdy was a farmer and stone-mason by occupation. He left Rensselaer County in 1834, and settled in Harmony, Chautauqua Co., N. Y., where he spent the remainder of his life. There he took up 1,140 acres of wild land, giving fifty acres to each of his children, which most of them have improved and still retain, though a few sold and moved to other localities. He died in August, 1858, his widow, who was a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, following him in April, 1861. Our subject, the ninth in the family, was married January 1, 1839, to Elijah Groom, a native of Onondaga County, N. Y., and a farmer by occupation. After marriage they resided at Watts Flats, Chautauqua County, till April, 1848, when they came to Spartansburg, where Mr. Groom engaged in the mercantile business for eight years. He then purchased the farm of 200 acres now owned by his widow, and noted for being the place where Hugh Fitzpatrick, in 1817, was murdered by Van Holland, who was the first to suffer the penalty of hanging in this county. To Mr. and Mrs. Groom were born four children, three now living: Emily A., wife of Luther W. Day, of Spartansburg; Lucretia, died when five years old; Christiana L., wife of Vernon Covel, in Olean, N. Y., and William E., residing with his mother on the old homestead. Mr. Groom was an active business man and one much respected by the community. He served as Justice of the Peace several years; was the first Postmaster of Spartansburg; an A. F. & A. M.; a strong temperance man. In politics he was a Republican. He died February 13, 1870. His widow, our subject, is a fine old lady, a great lover of books. She is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and highly esteemed by all.

J. R. HARRINGTON, farmer, P. O. Spartansburg, was born in Shoreham, Addison Co., Vt., October 12, 1840, only son of Ormel and Fanny Harrington, natives of the same State. Ormel Harrington's father was a Captain in the war of 1812. Ormel departed this life aged thirty seven years, and his widow subsequently married N. Newell and moved to Sparta Township, this county, when our subject was twelve years old. She is still living in Oberlin, Ohio. On May 18, 1862, our subject was married to Jennie Force, born May 29, 1841, daughter of Reuben Force, an early settler of this county, and still residing in Sparta Township. To Mr. and Mrs. Harrington have been born three children: Melvin, who died in 1866, aged three and a half years; Ida Belle, born November 3, 1871; Charles Ormel, born December 23, 1876. Mr. Harrington settled on his present farm of sixty-five acres of good land in 1870, and began farming. He has erected one of the finest houses in this township, and has numerous other buildings, etc. He is a successful farmer, and also does a dairying business. He is frequently called upon to fill public offices of trust. In politics he is a Democrat.

L. R. HEATH, physician, Spartansburg, was born in Berkshire County, Mass., November 22, 1857; son of Alvirus and Elizabeth (Bently) Heath, natives of same county, and who settled in this county in 1863, where they still reside. Of their family of eight children, six survive. Our subject, after acquiring a common school education, entered the Cleveland Medical College, graduated with honors in 1882, and began to practice his profession the same year, locating at Spartansburg. He was united in marriage September 27, 1881, with Mina, daughter of Joseph Phillips, of Steuben Township, this county. Dr. Heath has won the respect and confidence of all, by his

energy and attentiveness to business. He is well educated, a competent practitioner, and though a young physician, has met with excellent success. He is a member of the I. O. O. F., and G. K. In politics he is a Republican.

JONES MAJOR, farmer, P. O. Spartansburg, was born in Downingtown, Chester Co., Penn., July 28, 1835; son of William J. and Jane (Marshall) Major, natives of Chester County, Penn. The father of the latter was a soldier in the Revolutionary war. The former, a farmer and house-painter, lived for many years in Chester County, but died in Lebanon County, Penn., September 5, 1863, his widow, December 29, 1871, both aged seventy-three years. They were members of the Presbyterian Church; reared a family of thirteen children, five still living. Our subject, who is next to the youngest, acquired a common school education and learned the trade of machinist, which he followed until 1868, when he located and remained five years on a farm in Chester County, Penn., coming from thence to Sparta Township, where he purchased ninety-one acres of land, most of which he has cleared and improved. Mr. Major was married in 1857, to Sarah E., daughter of John and Sophia (Stover) Chenworth, natives of Maryland. The former was a soldier in the war of 1812, and died in Maryland in 1855, the latter in Lancaster, Penn., in 1874. This union has been blessed with six children: Anna V., wife of A. W. Jude, residing in Spartansburg; Wilmer F., Elmer E., Samuel E., Harry A. and James H. Mr. and Mrs. Major are adherents of the Congregational Church in Spartansburg. Mr. Major is a member of the K. of P.

CHARLES J. MILLER, Principal of Spartansburg public schools, was born in Harmony, Chautauqua, Co., N. Y., December 27, 1857; son of John and Maria (Purdy) Miller, early settlers of that county, the former of whom, a native of Chenango County, N. Y., died in the West several years ago; the latter, born in Rensselaer County, N. Y., is now residing at Watts Flats, N. Y. They were parents of two children. Our subject, the eldest, attended the public schools during the winter and assisted on the farm in summer. In 1873 he commenced teaching and attending the Jamestown Institute, where he received most of his education. He was united in marriage, November 3, 1881, with Miss May L., daughter of P. P. Parkhurst, an early settler of Chautauqua County, N. Y., where he is still residing. Mr. Miller taught for three years at Watts Flats, N. Y., and was instrumental in having a fine graded school building erected there. After leaving Watts Flats he taught one year at Grant and then came to Spartansburg, taking charge of the graded school here. Under his able management the school has rapidly improved, the attendance has increased, and it now ranks among the best in Crawford County.

FREDERICK OBERT, farmer, P. O. Spartansburg, was born in Steuben County, N. Y., July 22, 1825; son of Henry and Sarah Obert. The former, a native of New Jersey, was a soldier in the war of 1812, and departed this life about 1856. The latter, whose maiden name was Sarah Shaw, was a native of New York; died in 1858 in Sparta Township. They were members of the Baptist Church, and reared a family of ten children, six now living. Our subject after acquiring a common school education learned the carpenter's trade, at which he worked about eighteen years. He was married February 24, 1846, to Lucinda, daughter of Hugh and Catharine Coyle, natives of Pennsylvania, and early settlers of Rome Township, this county. The former was a soldier in the war of 1812; died about 1857, the latter in 1860. To Mr. and Mrs. Obert have been born six children, five living: Eli, Lorenzo, Frank, Ralph, Della (wife of Robert Burch) and Cora. Mr. Obert has been a resident of Sparta Township for forty years. He has been a hard-

working citizen, and has helped to bring about the present improved state of the township. He has a fine farm of 135 acres; in politics he is a Republican. Himself and family are respected by the community.

REUBEN R. OGDEN, miller and lumber dealer, P. O. Spartansburg, was born January 17, 1830, in Greene County, N. Y.; son of Reuben C. and Elizabeth (Eggleston) Ogden, the latter a native of Elizabethtown, N. J. The former was born in Newark, N. J., and was a soldier of the war of 1812. (His father was in the Revolutionary war). He was a shoe-maker by trade but principally engaged in farming. He departed this life at Staten Island, in 1866. His widow survived him till 1881, when she died aged eighty-four. They were members of the Methodist Episcopal Church. They reared a family of nine children, six still living. Our subject, the fourth child, received a good education in the common schools and at the academy, Brocton, N. Y. After leaving school he engaged in lumbering at that place for several years. In 1862 he enlisted in the One Hundred and Fifty-fourth New York Regiment, and participated in the battles of Lookout Mountain, Chancellorsville, Buzzard Roost, Reseca, Peach Tree Creek, Bentonville and many minor engagements, and was with Sherman in his march to the sea. After receiving an honorable discharge, June, 1865, he returned home. He was married, May, 1874, to Elizabeth, daughter of John and Amey (Perkins) Wynkoop, both deceased, who were natives of Greene County, N. Y., and parents of seven children, four still living. In 1873 Mr. Ogden located in this township and erected the mill which he is still operating, shipping his products to various markets, and also doing custom work. In politics he is a Republican.

J. EDMUND PECK, P. O. Spartansburg, was born in Bloomfield Township, Crawford Co., Penn., July 27, 1848; son of Joseph and Martha (Hawkins) Peck, natives, the former of Pelham, Madison Co., N. Y., the latter of Rhode Island. They were married in New York, and resided there twenty years before coming to this county, where they located on fifty acres of land in Bloomfield Township, the birthplace of our subject. After living there about seven years they moved to Sparta Township, where Mr. Peck died February 4, 1883, aged eighty years, and his wife March 10, 1864, aged fifty-nine. They were members of the Baptist Church. Of their ten children six are now living. Our subject was married, October 17, 1869, to Sarah E., daughter of John and Sarah (Blakeslee) Davis, who were natives of Pennsylvania. After their marriage they located in Sparta Township on a farm of fifty acres of improved land, where they have since resided. They have an adopted daughter—Mabel Cole. Mr. Peck is one of the prosperous young farmers of Sparta Township, taking great interest in all educational affairs. In politics he is a stanch Republican.

FRANK B. STRANAHAN, farmer, P. O., Spartansburg was born in Herkimer County, N. Y., August 29, 1823; son of Gibson J. and Dolly (Devandorf) Stranahan, the former of whom, a soldier in the war of 1812, was a native of Canaan, Columbia Co., N. Y., the latter of Herkimer County, N. Y. They were married and lived in the latter county until 1836, when they came to Erie County, Penn., settling on the line between Concord and Sparta Townships. Here Mr. Stranahan died in 1869, his wife having preceded him in 1861. They were parents of six children, five now living. Mr. Stranahan was an A. F. & A. M.; was owner of a farm of 300 acres of good land. Our subject, after receiving a common school education, engaged in farming, which occupation he has followed ever since. He has a fine farm of 110 acres, most of which is improved. He was married, in 1849, to Eveline Fuller, a native of Ohio, by whom he had five children: Chapman A., married to Jane Webb (they live in Sparta Township); Mary (deceased); Belle, wife of Jeremiah Barker

(they live in Union Township, Erie County); Lucy, wife of Eugene Webb (they live on the old homestead); Miles, married to Mary Johnson (they reside in Union City, Erie County). Mrs. Stranahan dying January 4, 1867, our subject married Ellen Severance, in 1868. In politics he is a Democrat. In religion a Spiritualist.

LEWIS B. WEBB, farmer, P. O. Spartansburg, was born in Egremont, Berkshire Co., Mass., March 23, 1817; son of Josiah and Agnes (Hare) Webb, natives of same county, which they left about 1830 to come to this State, settling in Concord, Erie County, where they resided for ten years and then came to Sparta Township, living with their son Lewis B. until their deaths. Mr. Webb departed this life in 1863 and his widow followed him in 1866. They reared a family of twelve children, seven of whom are still living. Mr and Mrs. Webb were consistent members of the Baptist Church. The father of the former was a soldier in the Revolutionary war. Our subject, who was the eleventh in the family, had but limited educational advantages. The Webb family, for several generations back, have followed coopering and he too engaged in this occupation for several years. He was married, January, 1836, to Emily, daughter of Benjamin (a soldier in the war of 1812) and Apama (Blakeslee) Rohrbach, natives of the State of New York and who settled in Crawford County, Penn., in 1824. Of the family of five children born to this union, only one is now living—Malcolm, who is married and resides in this township. Mr. and Mrs. Webb are members of the P. of H. He has held various township offices; in politics is a Greenbacker, but not partisan in his views. He has a fine farm of 140 acres with suitable and convenient buildings, and has resided in this place nearly fifty years. He and his wife enjoy the confidence and respect of the community. Our subject states that he is probably the most unpopular man in his religious views in the township, having been an avowed Spiritualist for over thirty years.

BENJAMIN F. WEBB, farmer and stock-raiser, P. O. Spartansburg, was born in this township, August 31, 1834; son of Francis and Nancy (Alsdorf) Webb, the former a native of Berkshire County, Mass., the latter of Chenango County, N. Y. (she was twice married, first to Nathaniel Blakeslee, who died about 1830, leaving two children, and in 1832 to Francis Webb, by whom she had five children, three still living). Mr. and Mrs. Webb were pioneer settlers of this county, the former serving as Justice of the Peace for twenty-five years. They are now living with our subject, aged respectively eighty-two and seventy-five. They are Spiritualists in their belief. Benjamin F. Webb was reared on the farm, receiving the limited educational advantages then afforded by the public schools. He was married, in June, 1883, to his present wife (having previously buried three) Mrs. Emma Packard, a native of Spring Township, this county. Her parents are residents of Beaver Township, this county. By his first wife, Martha L. Hayes, Mr. Webb has one daughter —Alice G.—wife of C. H. Gabriel, a druggist in Spartansburg. He has also a daughter—Mattie M.—by his second wife, Matilda C. Pratt. Mr. Webb is engaged in stock-raising to some extent and is making a specialty of breeding Percheron horses; he has also some fine Norman stock. He has a good farm of 189 acres well adapted for stock grazing. He has filled the office of Assessor and is now serving his ninth year as Town Auditor. Our subject and wife are members of the P. of H. They are Spiritualists in their belief.

WARREN W. WHITE, proprietor of planing-mill, Spartansburg, was born in Sparta Township, this county, February 10, 1837; son of Abner W. and Julia A. (Patchen) White, natives of Locke, Cayuga Co., N. Y., where the former was born in 1813. When twelve years old Abner W. came

to Meadville, Penn., and subsequently became prominent in this part of the county. Acting as land agent for T. B. Kennedy, who owned thousands of acres of land through this section, he was probably the best posted person in regard to the early settlements and improvements of Sparta Township. He died April 20, 1884, honored and respected by all. His widow, now residing in Spartansburg, is descended from one of the pioneer families of this township. To them were born three children, two now living: Warren W. and Horace, also residing here. Our subject worked at carpentering three years, taught school seven terms, and on September 10, 1862, enlisted in the Sixteenth Pennsylvania Cavalry, serving until January 30, 1865, when he received an honorable discharge and returned home. While in the service he received a wound, which resulted in blood poisoning, and consequently his left foot was amputated. Our subject was married September 10, 1863, to Adeline D. Kingsley, a native of Evans, Erie Co., N. Y., and daughter of Charles and Flora Kingsley, early settlers of Sparta Township, this county, but now residents of Wantonia, Wis. To this union were born five children, one dying in infancy. Those now living are Maud F., Lula A., Charles W. and Frank A. In 1871 Mr. White erected his planing-mill (in connection with which he carried on a machine-shop until two years ago), working up annually large amounts of timber into siding, flooring, wainscoating, etc., that are sold all over the country; he also manufactures handles. Mr. White is a Republican in politics, and cast his first vote for Lincoln. He has held various offices of trust; was Burgess, a member of Council, for eight consecutive years School Director, acting as President of the Board of Education of Spartansburg. He is a member of the Royal Arcanum.

SPRING TOWNSHIP.

I. S. BAIL, farmer and Justice of the Peace, P. O. Springboro, was born in Portland, Chautauqua Co., N. Y., June 30, 1825; son of Frederick and Elizabeth Bail, former a native of Connecticut, latter of Vermont. They came to this county in 1836; were parents of seven children, five now living. Frederick Bail was a blacksmith, which trade he followed until his marriage. After coming to Crawford County he pursued, for the most part, farming. He was a soldier of the war of 1812; died in 1872. His father was a Hessian soldier, from which body he left while they were in America, during the Revolutionary war. Our subject's mother died in 1839. I. S. Bail, who was the youngest in the family, received a common school education, then taught school two terms, preceding which he attended high school at Twinsburg, Ohio, and following which, at Albion, Penn. He was married, in 1850, to Jane Sloan, a native of Steuben County, N. Y., born July 5, 1827, and sister of G. H. and Archibald Sloan (see their biography). To this union were born Dora E., wife of W. R. Potter; Harry L. and Archie F. H. Mrs. Bail is a member of the Baptist Church of Springboro. Mr. Bail is owner of eighty-five acres of land. Both our subject and wife are members of the Grange. He is a member of the State Police; has been Justice of the Peace since 1876; in politics is independent.

ALONZO S. BAKER, farmer, P. O. Conneautville, was born in Cayuga County, N. Y., March 13, 1856, son of Horace and Lucretia Baker, also

natives of Cayuga County, parents of nine children, four now living. The mother died when our subject was three years old. Horace Baker again married and is now living in Summerhill Township, this county, having attained the age of eighty-two. Our subject came to this county in 1853, and settled in Summerhill Township. He was married December 4, 1855, to Amanda Sterling, a native of that township, and daughter, by his second wife, of Washington Sterling, an early settler and farmer of this county, and a soldier of the war of 1812. He and his wife were members of the Presbyterian Church. To this union were born four children: Alvin and Ervin (twins), Lucy, wife of Burt Maxwell, and Forest H. Mr. and Mrs. Baker are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church. He enlisted February 29, 1864, in the Second Pennsylvania Cavalry, and served under Gen. Sheridan with the Army of the Potomac; he participated in the battles of Harper's Ferry, Winchester, Blackwater, Ream's Station, South Side Railroad, Weldon Railroad, and finally the capture of Lee's army, besides several minor engagements; was honorably discharged July 26, 1865. He is a member of the G. A. R. and A. O. U. W. Is Supervisor of Spring Township; in politics a Republican.

ISAAC S. BALDWIN, farmer, P. O. Springboro, was born in Whiting, Vt., June 28, 1816, son of Miles and Betsy Baldwin, former a native of Rutland, Vt., latter of Grantham, N. H. They came to this county in 1829 with three children, and took up a farm of fifty acres in the center of Spring Township. Two of the three children are now living. Miles Baldwin was a farmer. He held several township offices. His wife died in May, 1844. He died February, 1854, in his native township. Our subject, the youngest in the family, commenced farming when nineteen years of age, working for two years at $13 per month. After a two years' illness he, in 1839, worked on the Erie Extension Canal as stone-mason for one year, and became contractor on the canal for five years. He then purchased a farm, on which he remained one year; following year he again worked on the canal, returning again to the farm with his family. Mr. Baldwin then went to Ohio and contracted with his brother to grade forty-six miles of the Ashtabula & Lisbon R. R., on completion of which contract he returned home, and has since been engaged in farming. He was married, October 9, 1839, to Betsy C. Parrish, a native of Orleans County, Vt., born March 9, 1821. By this union were born nine children, six now living, viz.: Elizabeth, widow of Henry Green; Elmer D.; John P.; Ellen S., wife of James Corbett; Mary B., wife of Bart Brennan, and Leonore, wife of Peter Rackner. Our subject and wife have been members of the Christian Church over thirty years. He has been Justice of the Peace ten years; has held several township offices; in politics is a Republican. He, along with others, built the first steam saw-mill in this section in 1843.

MRS. EMMA M. BANNISTER, P. O. Springboro, is a native of this township, daughter of Hawley and Mary Dauchy, former a native of Connecticut, latter of Pennsylvania. Her grandfather, Jacob LaFevre, who was a soldier in the war of 1812, came to Crawford County in 1805. Hawley Dauchy, a farmer and owner of a saw-mill, located on his farm, died January 10, 1865. His widow followed him May 30, 1873. They were members of the Baptist Church. Our subject was married, September 11, 1861, to Edmond M. Bannister, a native of New York State, born September 30, 1839, and who came to this county in September, 1860. On August 3, 1861, he enlisted in the Eighty-third Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, serving in the Sixth Corps, Army of the Potomac. He participated in the siege of Yorktown, and was through the entire peninsular campaign with Gen McClellan. Being attacked with typhoid fever at Harrison's Landing he was sent to hospital at Point

Lookout, where he died July 27, 1862. Our subject is a member of the Baptist Church at Springboro.

DAVID BLIGH, retired farmer, P. O. Conneautville, was born in Oneida County, N. Y., September 3, 1816, son of Julius and Amy (Avery) Bligh, former a native of Oneida County, N. Y., latter of Hartford, Conn. They moved, in 1831, to Chautauqua County, N. Y., and in 1833 to North East, Erie Co., Penn. They reared a family of thirteen children, seven now living. The mother died in 1827, the father in 1865. He was by trade, in his younger days, a clothier, but afterward engaged in farming. Grandfather Avery was a soldier in the Revolutionary war. Our subject, the second in the family, received a common school education, and at the age of seventeen worked in a sash factory in Freeport, Penn., at $9 per month. After remaining there two and a half years he moved to Cleveland, Ohio, where he worked at the same trade for two years. In 1838 he came to Harmonsburg, this county, and tended bar in in Cook's Hotel for two years. This house he then rented and kept for two years. In August, 1840, he married Betsy Bowerman, a native of Genesee County, N. Y., who bore him one daughter—Ann L., wife of C. E. Shader (they have three children: David E., Calvin A. and Anna A.). Mrs. Bligh died in 1877. Our subject retired from the hotel in 1842, and being elected Constable served as such seven years. In the winter of 1849–50 he taught school at Harmonsburg, and in 1850 he was employed as foreman on the Erie Extension Canal. This post he filled six years, and then he purchased a farm. In 1859 he was again employed as foreman on the canal till 1871, when it was closed. This canal went into operation in 1844 (Polk's year), and closed out 1871, having passed into the hands of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company. Since the death of his wife, Mr. Bligh has made his home with his daughter, living in retirement. He is a Director of the Ohio River & Lake Erie Railroad. In politics he is a Republican.

J. BOLARD, proprietor of tannery, Conneautville, was born in Spring Township, this county, June 5, 1837; son of David and Elizabeth Bolard, natives of Crawford County, and grandson of Frederick Bolard, a blacksmith by trade, who came here about 1812 and reared a large family. David Bolard, the father of our subject, served when but twelve years of age as teamster in the war of 1812; commenced farming in the woods just outside of Conneautville; was parent of ten children, seven now living. He and his wife were adherents of the Methodist Episcopal denomination, being among the organizers of that church at Conneautville. He died in 1880, his wife having preceded him in 1850. J. Bolard, the fourth child in this pioneer's family, enlisted in 1862 in the One Hundred and Thirty-seventh Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry and served in the Army of the Potomac, participating in the battles of second Bull Run, Antietam, Fredericksburg and Chancellorsville. He was once taken prisoner, but paroled a few hours afterward, by Capt. McNeel's guarantee. He was honorably discharged and returned home. In the fall of 1863 he was appointed Hospital Steward in the Regular Army, and was stationed at Seminary Hospital, Columbus, Ohio. After remaining there about ten months he was commissioned Captain of Company B, One Hundred and Ninety-seventh Ohio Volunteer Infantry, and served in the Army of the Potomac till the close of the war, when he was mustered out. He then spent about two years in the oil country. In 1868 he started his present tannery, at Conneautville, and has probably the most extensive establishment in this line in this county, and employs from fifteen to twenty men. He principally manufactures harness, saddle, bridle and line leather. Mr. Bolard married in 1868 Mary E., daughter of E. Montague, and a native of this county. By

this union are two children, Mary E. and Florence M. He and his wife belong to the Methodist Episcopal Church. He is a member of the F. & A. M. and A. O. U. W., and is Commander of Post 374, G. A. R. He is one of the principal business men of this section, was Burgess of Conneautville three years; President of Crawford County Agricultural Society six years, and has filled other township offices. In politics he is a Republican.

CHARLES S. BOOTH, farmer, P. O. Conneautville, was born in Steuben County, N. Y., June 6, 1821; son of Prosper A. and Lois (Fisher) Booth, who came to this county in 1835, with nine children, settling on 160 acres of woodland in this township. Of this they cleared, first year, thirty acres, and, following year raised 600 bushels of wheat on the thirty acres. Prosper A. Booth's wife died in 1836; he then married Mary G. Dow, who bore him four children. She died in 1843, and Mr. Booth married Mrs. Penelope Chidister, widow of E. Chidister. By her there was no issue. He died in April, 1865. When nineteen years of age he joined the Presbyterian Church and was a consistent member to the day of his death. Our subject, who is second in the family, was married, October 5, 1843, to Jane Foster, a native of Ohio and who has lived in Spring Township until the present time, and daughter of Robert Foster, an early settler of this section and a noted hunter. By this union were born six children, three now living: Alice I., wife of D. M. Bole, Jr.; Stanley F. and Dayton F. Our subject and wife are members of the Presbyterian Church, in which he has been an Elder twenty years. He is owner of seventy acres of land, amassed by honesty, hard work and economy, not by speculation. After his marriage he learned the carpentering and blacksmithing trades without an instructor, and has worked at these trades in connection with farming ever since. He has also been in the lumber and stave business. Mr. Booth has held several township offices. In politics he is a Republican, formerly a Whig.

E. K. BOWMAN, farmer and breeder of short-horn cattle, P. O. Springboro, Penn., was born in this township, January 13, 1824; son of Elisha and Sallie Bowman, former a native of Connecticut, latter of New York State. They came to this county in 1816-17 and purchased 400 acres of land. They were parents of two children. Elisha Bowman, who was a soldier in the war of 1812, died February 27, 1859; his wife died August 10, 1856. Our subject, the only survivor of the family, married, in 1846, Mary, daughter of Robert and Nancy (Meyler) Foster, and a native of Crawford County, Penn. Her father, who was a farmer, came from Westmoreland County, Penn., with his parents, about 1805 or 1806, when he was about ten years old; his father bought 400 acres of Government land in Beaver Township. His mother, Nancy Meyler, was born in Oneida County, N. Y., and came to Crawford in 1814 or 1815. Mr. and Mrs Foster were married in 1820, and they had ten children, eight of whom are still living: one daughter lives in California, two sons and two daughters in Kansas, one son in Colorado, and Mrs. E. K. Bowman and another daughter in Crawford County. Our subject and wife had seven children, four now living, viz.: Frank F., Ralph H., Elisha L. and Perry F. Mrs. Bowman is a member of the Christian Church at Springboro, of which society our subject's mother was an original member. Mr. Bowman is owner of about ninety acres of excellent land and is making the breeding of short-horn cattle a specialty. In politics he is a Republican.

MRS. POLLY BROWN, P. O. Lundy's Lane, Erie County, was born in Cambridge, N. Y., April 10, 1806; daughter of David D. and Content (Shaw) Hazzard, natives of Rhode Island; former died in Amboy Centre, Oswego Co., N. Y., latter came to this county and lived with our subject for about four years, when

she died. Mrs. Brown was married, November 30, 1823, to Joseph Brown, born May 1, 1801, in Connecticut. To this union have been born six children, four now living: Betsy J. S., wife of C. P. Eddy; Joseph C., David J., and Clarissa, wife of Zeno White. The eldest son, who was killed in his father's mill, was born in New York State, June 25, 1827, died in 1858. David J. served three years as a soldier in the war of the Rebellion; his brother-in-law, C. P. Eddy, was a soldier in the Heavy Artillery during the same struggle, serving most of his term at Fortress Monroe. Our subject and husband came to this county in 1833, and here reared the majority of their family. Mr. Brown was an extensive farmer; he was a man firm in his convictions, and very conscientious, evincing a strong Christian character. He died November 28, 1880. Mrs. Brown lives on the old homestead of 100 acres.

JOSEPH BROWN, retired farmer, and President of the Farmers' Mutual Insurance Company, of Woodcock, P. O. Conneautville, was born in Summit Township, this county, April 15, 1824; son of John and Hannah (Gehr) Brown natives of Berks County, Penn., the former of whom, a tanner by trade, came to Crawford County in 1803, settled on a farm of 100 acres and built the tannery which he conducted forty-five years. He was a soldier in the war of 1812, and participated in Perry's expedition at Erie. His wife's father was a soldier in the Revolutionary war. They were members of the Presbyterian Church; reared a family of eight boys, six still living. John Brown departed this life in March, 1867, and his wife in 1859. Our subject, the seventh in this family, received a common school education, and, until recently, followed agricultural pursuits. In 1854 he married Alvira Galbraith, a native of this county, her parents coming here about 1806. By this union was born one child—Calvin V.—who is married and lives on the old homestead. Mrs. Brown was a Christian lady, a member of the Presbyterian Church at Harmonsburg; she died June, 1879. In May, 1882, our subject married Hannah, daughter of Theron Beard, widow of John Craven, who was an Elder for forty-eight years in the Presbyterian Church, of which she is also a member. Mr. Brown owns 170 acres of improved land, part of which was his father's old homestead, and a fine residence in Conneautville, where he moved in 1882, and is now leading a more retired life. He is a member of the Royal Arcanum and Royal Grangers. Is President of the Farmers' Mutual Insurance Company, of Woodcock, with headquarters at Meadville. He served as Mercantile Appraiser two terms. Now elected President of the Farmers' Co-operative Bank, located in the city of Meadville, Crawford County. Is independent in politics.

JAMES H. BROWN, farmer and stock-dealer, P. O. Springboro, was born in this township, March 4, 1844; son of James M. and Eliza Brown, former a native of Vermont, latter of New York State. They reared a family of three children, two now living. James M. Brown immigrated to this county in 1836 and was married two years afterward. Himself and wife were members of the Baptist Church. She died in October, 1876, and he followed her in October, 1880. In November, 1867, our subject was married to Mary, daughter of Stephen Hills, of this township. She was born in New York State, March 26, 1844. The result of this union is two children: Minnie L. and Justin B. Mrs. Brown is a member of the Baptist Church in Springboro. Mr. Brown has 165 acres of well-improved land in this township, with good substantial buildings. He has held several township offices. In politics he is a Republican.

JOHN BURGER, farmer, P. O. Springboro, was born in Bavaria, Germany, February 28, 1838; son of Martin and Mary Burger, the former of whom came to America with our subject in 1854, settling in Pittsburgh, Penn. The other sons and one daughter had come out previously. The mother died

in Germany in 1844, the father in 1878. He was a tailor by trade and carried on that business in Pittsburgh. Our subject was married in July, 1859, to Mrs. Lucinda Avery, widow of John Avery, and sister of Alonzo Morley, and a native of New York State. She had two children by her first husband: Myrtie L. and Alice A. Our subject and wife have one child—Flora B. Mrs. Burger is a member of the Baptist Church. Mr. Burger has been a resident of Spring Township for over thirty years, and has cleared a farm of sixty-two acres. In politics he is a Republican.

LEWIS K. CHAPMAN, Notary Public, Springboro, was born at Saratoga Springs, October 31, 1814; son of Peter and Mercy (Keeler) Chapman, natives of New York. Our subject, the third child of the family, came to this county in May, 1836, and in May, 1837, married Robey Thomson, of Warsaw, N. Y., daughter of Alexander Thomson, who moved to this county in the fall of 1835. To this union were born eleven children, viz.: Orson A., Fannie E., Millie J. (who is practicing medicine in Pittsburgh, Penn.), Helen M. (wife of Lewis Offensens), James H., Lewis K. (killed while coupling cars, October 14, 1873, at Rome, Ohio), Sarah A. (at home), Peter M., Frank E., Robey L. and John E. (both at one time school teachers). Millie J. taught school for twenty-seven terms; she graduated from the Normal School at Edinboro, Erie Co., Penn., in 1871; read medicine in Titusville, this county, and received a diploma from the Homœopathic Medical Institute, at Cleveland, Ohio. Mr. and Mrs. Chapman are members of the Universalist Society of Conneautville, Penn. When they were married there were present sixty-five guests, besides members of their own family, and of these guests only three are now living. They commenced housekeeping on a farm in Beaver Township, this county, and in 1850 moved to Spring Township, where Mr. Chapman engaged in grist and saw-mill business for several years. He was elected Justice of the Peace in the spring of 1856, serving continuously for five terms of five years each. He was the first to establish the common school system in Beaver Township, and held the office of School Director for over twenty-six years. For past five years he has been acting as Notary Public; in politics he is a Republican. In 1851, his residence, with nearly all its contents, was destroyed by fire.

HORACE CLARK, farmer, P. O. Conneautville, was born, December 23, 1817, in Erie County, N. Y.; son of Erastus and Rhoda Clark, natives of Rhode Island, parents of seven children, five now living. Erastus Clark, who was a farmer, died April 21, 1855, his widow in 1860. His father had been a soldier in the Revolutionary war. Our subject, the eldest in the family, was twice married; on first occasion in 1839, to Caroline D. Fuller, a native of Erie County, N. Y. By this union were five children, four now living: Rhoda M. (wife of E. Brown), John E., Flora A. (wife of Z. B. Owen), and Albert E. Mrs. Clark dying in 1868, our subject married in 1869, Mrs. Harriet Sheldon, widow of Arad Sheldon, a native of Steuben County, N. Y., brother of Wright Sheldon (see biography of latter). Mrs. Harriet Clark is a native of Cavendish, Vt., born July 19, 1826. She had two children by her first husband, viz.: Mary E. (wife of Isaac D. North) and Charles A. Our subject and wife are members of the Universalist Church. Mrs. Clark had three brothers in the late war: Lyman N., who died while in the service at Murfreesboro; Jasper (see his biography), and Asaph, Captain in a Vermont regiment. Our subject came to this county in 1854, settling first in Beaver Centre; in 1867 he moved to Conneaut Township and from there to Spring Township.

J. A. CODY, jeweler, optician, news-dealer, bookseller and stationer, Springboro, was born in Ellington, Chautauqua Co., N. Y., September 22,

1846; son of John C. and Alvira E. D. (Gates) Cody, former a native of Vermont, latter of New York. They moved into Springboro in 1869, where John C. Cody engaged in the same business and in the same room as our subject is now in. He was a prominent business man in Springboro for over fourteen years, and for twenty-five years was a licensed preacher and worker in the Baptist Church. He was parent of four children, of whom three were boys. He died January 5, 1883. His widow is still living and makes her home with J. A. Our subject was married in 1874, to Elizabeth B. Cather, a native of Lawrence County, Penn., born May 6, 1851. By this union were four children, three now living: Ethel D., Roy E. and Edith A. Claude J. died in infancy. Mr. and Mrs. Cody are adherents of the Baptist Church. He is a member of the I. O. O. F., E. A. U. and G. K., in which latter he is Deputy Supreme Commander. Our subject's grandfather was a soldier of the war of 1812.

GEORGE R. COOK, farmer, P. O. Springboro, was born on the site of the present fair ground at Conneautville, this county, July 30, 1809; son of Henry and Mary Cook, the former a native of Pittsburgh, the latter of Cumberland County, Penn. Henry Cook, a farmer and shoe-maker, came with his father to this county in 1800, and was a soldier in the war of 1812; he died May 29, 1856. His father, who was a German by birth, left America for his native land in 1805, since when he has never been heard of. Our subject's mother was the widow of Robert McCoy and came with him to this county in 1798. She was an original member of the Methodist Episcopal Church where Dicksonburg now stands. She died April 3, 1845. Our subject, the second child and only survivor of a family of four, had but limited educational advantages, his boyhood days having been spent on the farm; since he worked for himself he has cleared 110 acres. He was married, October 3, 1830, to Maria Soper, a native of Vermont, who bore him nine children, seven now living, viz.: Naomi S., wife of J. B. Bradley; F. H. Cook; William R.; Aris M., wife of William Swaney; Porter S.; Mary E., wife of A. C. Fisher, and George W. Mrs. Cook died July 4, 1877. She was an original member of the present Methodist Church at Springboro. Mr. and Mrs. Cook joined the church in 1831, and our subject is the only original member now living. He has been Class-leader and Steward in it over fifty years.

WILLIAM H. DARBY, manufacturer and wholesale and retail dealer of furniture, etc., Conneautville, was born in Chautauqua County, N. Y., July 13, 1820; son of Erastus and Rhoda (Ward) Darby. He learned cabinet-making and came to this county in 1844, engaging in his trade for about a year at Meadville; came to Conneautville in 1845 and after working fourteen months with Mr. Tyler entered into partnership with him under the firm name of Tyler & Darby. This connection lasted five years. He then bought Mr. Tyler's interest and received Bishop Huston as partner. At the expiration of a year this was dissolved and he carried on the business alone. The work had been done by hand previous to 1865, when he bought extensive machinery, which he has since used. About 1877 Mr. Hurd was taken in as a partner, the firm style being Hurd & Co. for a year when C. E. Turner was admitted and continued a member until 1882 when Mr. Darby bought the entire interest and has since conducted the business alone. He handles all kinds of furniture, and manufactures everything in his line but chairs. His trade extends into the oil regions, Pittsburgh and Ohio. His son, Wilbur J., is general superintendent of the factory, and with his father takes charge of the undertaking department. Mr. Darby was married in 1847 to Esther M. Sandborn, of Erie County, by whom he has had six children, three living: Imogene, wife of William M. Darby, Wilbur J. and Daisy. Mrs. Darby is a member of the

Methodist Episcopal Church. He belongs to the A. O. U. W.; in politics is a stanch Republican.

GEORGE DAVENPORT, farmer and molder, Conneautville, was born in Tompkins County, N. Y., March 15, 1827; son of Cornelius and Catherine (Snyder) Davenport, natives of New York State, who came to this county in 1837. They were parents of seven children, four now living. Cornelius Davenport was an extensive farmer, owning at the time of his death nearly 200 acres of land, mostly cleared by himself and sons. He died in 1862, his wife August 1, 1854, both consistent members of the Methodist Episcopal Church. Our subject, the third in the family, married, April 7, 1853, Hannah Rhoades, born February 3, 1832, in Mercer County, Penn., daughter of Lewis and Elizabeth (Fetterman) Rhoades. Her grandfather, James Fetterman, was one of the first settlers in this section of the county. Three children were the result of this union, two now living: Charles B. and Lewis C. Mr. Davenport has always followed agricultural pursuits, excepting seven years when he worked at his trade. He owns a well-improved farm of fifty acres which was a part of his father's old homestead; is a member of the A. O. U. W.; has strong temperance principles; a Republican in politics. His wife is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church and belongs to the E. A. U. Both are charter members of the R. T. of T. at Conneautville.

C. G. DEMPSEY, farmer and stock-breeder, P. O. Springboro, was born in Deerfield, Portage Co., Ohio, April 13, 1839, son of Thomas and Mary A. Dempsey, former born October 13, 1806, at Dempseytown, Venango Co., Penn., son of Lawrence Dempsey, who settled there in 1793, and who was a native of the north of Ireland. The mother of our subject was born April 26, 1807, died in June, 1866. She was a daughter of John Arthurs, of English extraction, whose wife was a daughter of Maj. Rolls, who came to America with Gen. LaFayette. Our subject had not many school advantages, most of his earlier years being occupied in clearing the farm and helping support the family, and such education as he received was by the aid of his mother, who was a lady of sterling qualities, and a literary turn of mind. At the age of fifteen he purchased what is known as the "Dempsey farm," in Venango County, which he paid for by hard work and good management. Kane City is located on this farm. Twenty-four oil-producing wells are found here, all of which he now owns as well as several other farms in Venango County, Penn., and Mr. Dempsey, with the aid of a gentleman in Philadelphia, organized a stock company known as the Eagle Spring Oil & Refining Company, in which Mr. Dempsey cleared about $200,000, part of which he lost in sinking other wells that failed to produce oil. Besides the Dempsey farm he owns 1,000 acres in Forest County, Penn., nearly 9,000 acres in Tennessee and the Spring Valley stud farm in this county, where he has from thirty-five to fifty thoroughbred and trotting horses; also breeder of short-horn cattle. For several years Mr. Dempsey has spent several months during the summer and fall, attending the noted trotting races, where he is familiarly known by all horse-men as the "Great American Pool Seller." From 1860 to 1872 he owned and operated several stores in different towns in this State, doing an immense business. In June, 1866, he was married to a daughter of Harrison Cloven. She is a niece of Gen. Seth Cloven, belonging to one of the prominent families of this State. They have two boys: Harry and Benton.

L. H. DIMICK, retired merchant and farmer, Conneautville, was born in Rush, Monroe Co., N. Y., November 25, 1819; son of Ephraim and Cynthia Dimick, natives of Connecticut and Massachusetts respectively, the former of whom served in the war of 1812. They were parents of five children. Ephraim

died in 1832; his widow in 1836 immigrated to Crawford County with her children, married in 1838 Andrew Allen, and settled on a farm in Conneaut Township. She died in 1879 at Conneaut, Ohio. Our subject, the fourth of the family, was kept at school till twelve years of age, when he ran away from home, driving horses on the Erie Canal one summer, then returned home, and attended school three years at the Grand River Institute, Austinburg, Ohio; then for four years taught school, one year in Ashtabula, Ohio. In 1841 he went to Memphis, Tenn., but after six months came back to this county, and clerked for several years. After keeping books for E. & J. Powell for four years, he bought 155 acres of land in Conneaut Township, this county, and engaged in farming and dairying seventeen years. About 1863 he came to Conneautville, and after conducting the warehouse of William Power four years, purchased a portion of Newton Truesdale's stock, and engaged in the grocery and provision business. After a year he sold out and clerked for several years. He was married October, 1852, to Mary M., daughter of John D. Patton, widow of Abram Fulwiler, by whom she had six children. Her youngest son, George W., was a soldier in the Eighty-third Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, and was killed in the battle of the Wilderness. Mr. Dimick has been living a retired life the last few years; by industry and economy he has accumulated a reasonable amount of this world's goods. He has filled several township offices; was Auditor nine successive years; in politics is a Democrat. During the late war he was Captain in the State Militia.

STEPHEN EIGHMEY, farmer, P. O. Springboro, was born May 20, 1800, in Saratoga County, N. Y.. son of Elias and Betsy Eighmey, natives of Dutchess County, N. Y., the latter of whom died in 1819. Elias Eighmey came to this county a few years after our subject's arrival here, with whom, and a brother, Mr. Eighmey spent the remainder of his days. He died in November, 1838. Our subject, by trade a mason, came to this county in 1830 with his first wife and her sister. He first settled one mile east of Spring Corners, where he cleared up a farm. In 1857 he sold this farm and moved to another one mile and a half further east; here he bought seventy-five acres. He had two children (both deceased) by his first wife. She dying in 1835, Mr. Eighmey married, April 3, 1836, Eliza Dunn, a native of Steuben County, N. Y., who bore him five children, four now living: Clark L.; Dacy H., wife of S. Wilder; Chloe A., wife of Joseph Johnson; Lucinda A., wife of Charles Swanson, killed while raising a house, October 7, 1878, leaving a daughter—Mary E. Clark L. served one year in the One Hundred and Eleventh Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry during the war of the Rebellion, and was honorably discharged for physical disability. Our subject was Captain of a rifle company in the militia in an early day. He assisted in constructing the canal running through this section; also built the foundation for the Soldiers' Monument in the cemetery at Springboro. In politics he is a Republican.

MRS. J. W. ELLIS, Conneautville, was born in Conneautville, March 8, 1851, daughter of Osmond B. and Mary A. (Foster) Slayton, natives of Otsego County, N. Y., and Conneautville, respectively. Osmond B. Slayton came to this county April 1, 1840, locating in Conneautville where he learned the trade of harness-making of his brother, Thomas Slayton (George W. Slayton, whose biography appears elsewhere in this work, is another brother). He was a prominent farmer, carrying on also the harness-making industry in Conneautville until his death, and by industry acquired a fine property. He was ever identified with the best business enterprises of this place, and actively interested himself in temperance movements, and all projects conducive to the moral growth of the people. He was a member of the I. O. O. F. He served

as Burgess of Conneautville. His wife was a member of the Universalist Church. Her mother, Margaret Foster, was a daughter of Alexander Power, the first settler of Conneautville, and she was the first white child born in the county. Mr. Slayton died January 29, 1881, his wife having preceded him December 27, 1878. Of the five children born to this couple, only two survive: Lynn O. and J. W. Our subject was united in marriage February 28, 1884, with John W. Ellis, a native of Meadville, and son of John Ellis, also one of the early settlers of this county. Mrs. Ellis and her brother reside on the old homestead taken up by her grandfather.

WILLIAM ENGLEHAUPT, farmer, P. O. Crossingville, was born January 24, 1829, in Summit Township, this county, son of Solomon and Mary (Brown) Englehaupt, former a native of Berks County, and latter of Crawford County, Penn. During the Revolutionary war the King of England hired soldiers from the Duke of Hesse, pledging himself to pay a certain amount for each one not returned at the close of the war. It was represented to these soldiers that the Americans were a sort of barbarians, and if they should fall into their hands they would be eaten by cannibals. Some, however, were taken prisoners, and, contrary to their expectations, were kindly treated, and when they went back and told their comrades, almost all of the Hessian troops deserted and joined the American Army. Of this number was one John Englehaupt, who was given a position in Washington's Body Guard. He always spoke of Washington as "my General." After the war was over he settled in Berks County, Penn., where he married Barbara Stump. Some time afterward he removed to Crawford County and settled in what was then Sadsbury, now Summit Township, on the farm where he spent the remainder of his days, living to an advanced age. He died on Christmas evening, 1833, and was laid to rest in the cemetery near the ruins of the old Dutch Church on the banks of our beautiful Conneaut Lake. His widow survived him some years, dying in 1842. They were members of the Lutheran Church. To this worthy couple were born seven children, six daughters and one son, Solomon, who married Mary Brown, of Summit Township, this county. To them were born thirteen children, two of whom died in infancy. Hannah married George Sutley; John, who married Roxanna Beatty, is dead; Catharine, who married James Sloan, died June 22, 1878; Benjamin, deceased (these slumber in a dreamless sleep with their parents in the little graveyard at Chestnut Corners); Leah, who married Cornelius Sloan, now lies under the sod of Illinois; Samuel married Amanda Marshal, now resides in Nebraska; William, the subject of this sketch; Eliza, who married Henry Jones, is now buried in Illinois; Rebecca married Frank McGuire, live near Conneaut Lake; Lucinda, married Charles Smith, now living in Iowa; David lost his life in the Rebellion. Solomon Englehaupt, who came to this county in an early day with his father, was a member of the Presbyterian Church, and died in 1853, his wife having preceded him in 1848. Our subject married, in 1851, Mary A. McGuire, a native of Summit Township, this county, and daughter of William McGuire, who settled in this county in 1799. His sister, Barbara, was the first white female child born in Beaver Township. Mr. McGuire reared a family of eight children; is now nearly ninety years old, and has resided in the county eighty-five years. He has always worked hard, and has cleared a large farm His wife died April 24, 1877. To Mr. and Mrs. Englehaupt were born a family of eight children, six now living, viz.: Martha, Sara, Maggie A., John M., Edward S. and Mary Eliza. The family are members of the Catholic Church. Our subject has taken great pains in the education of his children. Sara and Martha have both been school teachers. He is a Democrat in politics.

EBENEZER FIELD, farmer, P. O. Rundell's, was born at Bernardston, Mass., son of Loran and Mary (Hubbard) Field, natives of Massachusetts and parents of seven children. The former died about 1833, the latter in April, 1846. Our subject came to this county in the fall of 1836, bringing his mother, two sisters and two brothers, and settled on the farm of 126 acres he now owns and lives on. This land was in a wild state when he first undertook to clear it; it is now one of the finest farms in the township. Mr. Field was married in 1841 to Beda Rundell, a native of Crawford County, Penn., born November 11, 1822, and daughter of Luther and Betsy (Newcomb) Rundell, the former a native of Genesee, N. Y., the latter of New York State, and who came to this county at a very early day, settling at what is now Rundell's, in the southeast corner of Spring Township. They were the parents of twelve children, five now living. Mr. Rundell was a farmer of high repute and held some of the township offices. Our subject and wife are the parents of seven children, five now living: William R., Edwin H. (married in 1878 to Adrian Swain, of Lawrence, Ohio), Charlie C. (married in 1878 to Ruth Lytle, of Mercer County, Penn.), Lydia J. (married in 1871 to Jerome Rundell, of Penfield, N. Y.), and Della (married in 1883 to Vernan H. Welch, of Polk, Ohio). William R. was a soldier in the war of the Rebellion, serving one year in the One Hundred and Thirty-seventh Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry with the Army of the Potomac; was honorably discharged and returned home. He then enlisted with the minute men when Gen. Lee made his raid into Pennsylvania. Mr. Field cultivated hops on his present farm for several years, but abandoned the business in 1870.

JOSEPH FIELD, manufacturer of furniture and undertaker, Conneautville, was born April 16, 1829, in Palmyra, N. Y., son of Solomon and Bridget Field, the former a native of Vermont, the latter of New York. Our subject, their eldest child, at the age of fourteen ran away from home and started in life for himself. He drove horses on the Buffalo Canal one season, then for about a year lived with an aunt near Medina; from there went to Lockport, N. Y., where he served a four years' apprenticeship as carpenter and joiner with Mr. Amiden, and in 1854 came to Conneautville. He was married in 1848 to Mary Brow, a native of Otsego County, N. Y., who bore him two children: Adelbert and Melvin. In 1878 he obtained a divorce from this wife, and in 1879 married Jessie Morse, born in this county. Two children—Mina and Aza J.—were born to this union. Joseph Field enlisted in July, 1864, in the United States Navy, and served till the close of the war, principally at Chattanooga, as foreman in the ship-yard. Mr. Field was a contractor and builder for many years, putting up some of the best structures in this section, and several in Ohio. In 1878 he purchased a custom carding-mill, which he carried on for about five years, when he was burned out, sustaining a loss of over $8,000. He then erected his extensive furniture shop, where he manufactures furniture and house-furnishing goods. He has built up a large trade, being the only manufacturer of the latter line of goods in Conneautville. He is a self-made man, and has been identified with the best interests of this town for many years. Has held several township offices. Is independent in politics.

☐ MRS. MARGARET FOSTER, Conneautville, probably the first white child that saw the light of day west of French Creek, this county, was born at the head of Lake Conneaut, December 19, 1801, daughter of Alexander and Mary (McNamara) Power, and sister of James Power, whose biography appears in this work. Her father, being a well-educated man, principally instructed his children himself, though she attended the log schoolhouse for a short time, and had commenced attending a subscription school at Meadville, when

her mother's death compelled her to give up school and return home, where she remained for many years her father's housekeeper. She was married in 1820 to George G. Foster, a farmer by occupation, born March 23, 1799, in Westmoreland County, Penn. His parents were natives of Ireland, and very early settlers of Beaver Township, this county. By this union were nine children, six now living: Alvina, widow of Charles Hammon; Minerva, widow of Lafayette Klumph; Sarah, wife of Frank Manton; Harriet, wife of Henry Holeman; Alexander P. and G. W. Mr. and Mrs. Foster joined the Presbyterian Church in a very early day, and when the services were held in William Power's barn. Mr. Foster was an Elder in same for many years, and on his death, which occurred December 3, 1859, his son Alexander took this position, and has held it ever since. Our subject is descended from the first pioneer of this township, and though nearly eighty-four years of age, she has a clear, strong mind, and well remembers many incidents of her childhood, and of seeing the Indians that were here then. She is living a retired life. Her grandson, William Foster, is residing with her and looking after her interests.

J. B. FRASIER, physician and surgeon, Conneautville, was born June 7, 1826, at Farmersville, Cattaraugus Co., N. Y., son of John and Maria Frasier, natives of Washington County, N. Y., who were parents of ten children, four now living. John Frasier, who was a farmer, died in 1859, his widow in 1879. The Frasiers are of Scotch descent, and among their ancestors was Lord Lovat, our subject's grandfather's grandfather, who was beheaded in England for political double-dealing, and his estate confiscated. The grandfather of our subject was a bandsman for a time in the British Army during the Revolutionary war, and came to this country with Cornwallis, during that war, and soon after his arrival, upon his own responsibility, traded his British uniform for a Federal suit. J. B. Frasier is the second born in this family. He taught school to procure the means to prosecute his professional studies, and began to read medicine at Cuba, N. Y. He was employed in the water-cure establishment at Castile for two years, then attended a course of medical lectures in New York, and graduated in March, 1859, at the Western Homœopathic College, Cleveland, Ohio. He came to Conneautville in 1861, where he has since practiced. Dr. Frasier married, November 1, 1852, Rachel Bond, a native of Genesee County, N. Y., and a daughter of Henry Bond, Esq., of Genesee County, N. Y., and who, at the age of eleven years, became a step-daughter of Dr. Hiram Bond, of Farmersville, N. Y. To this union have been born two children, one now living—Permelia A., wife of John Winger. Both the Doctor and his wife are adherents of the Universalist Church. He owns a fine residence. Is an A. F. & A. M., a member of the R. T. of T., and A. O. U. W. In politics a strong Prohibitionist. The Doctor is the oldest physician in this village, and has a first-class practice.

THOMAS B. GRAHAM, farmer and breeder of short-horn cattle, P. O. Springboro, is a native of Conneaut Township, this county, born November 16, 1829, son of William and Nancy (Crocket) Graham, natives of this county. The father of William Graham was a native of Ireland, and came to this county in a very early day. He was a soldier in the war of 1812; a miller by trade, which he worked at in Meadville, Penn., although he lived at Linesville. He had a large family, and many of his descendants reside in this county. William Graham, second son of that old soldier, had a family of eleven children. He had a farm of 100 acres in Conneaut Township; he died in 1870. His widow, a daughter of Thomas Crocket, is now living with her youngest son on the old homestead. Our subject, the third son in the family, was married, in

April, 1854, to Harriet Rushmore, a native of this county, and daughter of John and Hannah Rushmore, natives of New York State, and who came here in 1835; former died in September, 1876; latter resides on the old homestead in Conneaut Township, this county. Mr. and Mrs. Graham are parents of five children: William J., Zella M. (wife of J. Hotchkiss), Henry M., Merton B. and Grace L. Our subject moved to his present farm of 150 acres in the spring of 1855. He makes a specialty of breeding short-horn cattle, a fine herd of which he now possesses, obtained from the stock of J. F. King, Trumbull County, Ohio. Mr. Graham's stock is registered, and he has strong competition in this line, as his premiums will attest. He will hereafter handle the full-blooded only, and his honorable manner in all actions will ensure him success. In politics Mr. Graham is a Republican.

L. C. GRAVES, manufacturer of carriages and wagons, Springboro, was born in Madison, Ind., May 6, 1850, son of James B. and Elizabeth Graves, natives of Pennsylvania, who came to this county with two children, in 1855. James B. Graves was a Methodist minister for nearly twenty years. He died September 26, 1882; his widow is now a resident of Springboro. Our subject, the eldest in a family of six children, was married to Laura, daughter of Nelson and Elizabeth Ross, and a native of this county. Two children were born to this union: Homer B. and Clarence M. Mr. and Mrs. Graves are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church. He is a member of the I. O. O. F. and R. T. of T.; in politics is Republican, with strong temperance proclivities. Our subject commenced the manufacture of carriages, wagons, etc., on a small scale in 1882, and by close attention to business, honest dealing and polite manner toward customers, has built up a mammoth establishment. He employs constantly from five to ten men, and keeps a large stock of all classes of vehicles in his store room.

R. B. GREENLEE, P. O. Mosiertown, is a native of this county, born January 1, 1827; son of John and Mary (Chamberlain) Greenlee, the former a farmer and a native of Crawford County, Penn., died in 1865; the latter a native of New Jersey, died in 1867. They were members of the Baptist Church. Our subject, the fourth child in the family, has all his life been engaged in agricultural pursuits. He was married, May 3, 1854, to Jane A. Bacon, a native of New York State, and daughter of John S. and Sallie Bacon, who came to this county in 1836. They are parents of four children, and are members of the Baptist Church, both now living with our subject. Mr. Greenlee and wife have had born to them four children: Mary J., Jerome B., Cassius M. and Marshall, some of whom are members of the Baptist Church at Mosiertown. Our subject is owner of 116 acres of land. In politics he is a Republican.

RUSH GRISWOLD, farmer, P. O. Springboro, was born in Hanover, Chautauqua Co., N. Y., February 6, 1840; son of William B. and Sally Griswold, the former a native of New York State, and at present living in Missouri. In July, 1861, he enlisted in Company B, Twenty-ninth Ohio Volunteer Infantry, serving in the Twelfth Corps. He was engaged in the battles of Winchester, Port Republic, Cedar Mountain, Bull Run, Antietam, South Mountain, Gettysburg, Chancellorsville, then was transferred to the Western Army under Hooker, then belonged to the Twentieth Corps, and was engaged at Wauhatchie, Buzzards' Roost, Ringgold, Resaca, Kenesaw Mountain and others. He was captured at Peach Tree Creek, in front of Atlanta, where Gen. McPherson was killed. He remained a prisoner about five months at Andersonville, Charleston and Florence. When he was discharged, in July, 1864, he held the commission of First Lieutenant. On January 1, 1868, he

was married to Miss Henrietta E. Wells, a native of this county, daughter of Henry Wells and sister of Willis B. Wells. This union has been blessed with three children: Clay C., Harry R. and Homer E. Mr. Griswold is a member of the I. O. O. F. and of the G. A. R. He owns 150 acres of well-improved farming land. In politics he is a Republican.

ALBERT T. HADSELL, farmer and carpenter, P. O. Hickernell, was born on the farm he now owns in this township, August 6, 1827; son of Harry and Nancy A. Hadsell, the former a native of Bristol, the latter of Wolcott, Conn. They moved to this county in March, 1825, settling in the woods, where they reared a family of four children, all now living in this township. Mrs. Hadsell died February 23, 1880. Mr. Hadsell died January 7, 1884. Our subject, the oldest son, was married, February 8, 1852, to Mary A. Taylor, born December 14, 1836, in Warren County, Penn., daughter of Nathan and Nancy E. Taylor, the former a native of the State of New York, the latter of Warren County, Penn. Mrs. Taylor was born May 8, 1810. Nathan Taylor was a soldier in the Mexican war, and died at Vera Cruz. To our subject and wife have been born twelve children, eight now living: William J., Inez (wife of Albert H. Rice), Mark T., Ernest D., Frank S., Bertie, Albert T. and Arthur G. Mr. Hadsell is owner of 100 acres of land. He has for many years made a specialty in matching and breeding working oxen. In politics he is a Republican.

DENNIS R. HADSELL, farmer and stock-raiser, P. O. Hickernell, was born in Spring Township, this county, August 30, 1833, son of Harry and Nancy Hadsell, natives of Connecticut, who left that State and settled in this county about 1825. They had a family of four children. Harry Hadsell was a cooper by trade, but pursued farming most of the time. His wife was a weaver, and worked at that avocation a long time. She died February 22, 1880; he died January 7, 1884, at the age of eighty-seven years. The subject of this sketch was married in April, 1854, to Amanda M. Cook, a native of Erie County, Penn. This union has been blessed with eight children, five still living, viz.: Elvey R., wife of Murray Hills; Nancy E., wife of Maxon Randalls; Dora N., wife of Harvey Allen; Ida M. and Jay D. Mr. Hadsell owns 225 acres of improved land, and makes a specialty of raising and breaking-in working cattle, and has obtained many premiums awarded by the county fairs for his fine yoke of oxen. In politics he is a Republican.

MRS. BEULAH HALE, P. O. Springboro, was born in Sandusky County, Ohio, September 8, 1820, daughter of Abram and Annie Markes, natives of New York State; the former died in Ohio in 1825; the latter in November, 1879. Our subject came to this county with her step-father and step-mother. She was married January 6, 1840, to Gilbert Hale, a native of Warsaw, N. Y., born November 17, 1822. He was a farmer, and came to Crawford County in 1838. To this union were born nine children, six now living, viz.: Charles C., served three months toward the close of the late war; Elizabeth M., wife of John Balding; Weltha A., wife of Abram Luis; Eva A., wife of Samuel O. Gulliford; William G. and Albert A. Loren G., our subject's step-father, enlisted in the Fifty-sixth Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry during the war of the Rebellion, serving eighteen months. Subsequently in 1864 enlisted in the Second Pennsylvania Cavalry, and was honorably discharged in June, 1865, and returned home. While in the army he contracted a disease, of which he died April 23, 1869. The husband of our subject died April 27, 1879. Mrs. Hale is owner of thirty-two acres of improved land.

MRS. LOVISE HALL, P. O. Springboro, was born May 31, 1821, on the farm she now occupies, immediately south of Springboro, daughter of Samuel

Wetmore, and sister of W. D. Wetmore (see his biography). She was married April 12, 1838, to Lyman Hall, a native of Connecticut and son of Benjamin Hall, a Captain in the war of 1812, who came to this county in 1820 with ox-teams, settling the tract of land where the southeast corner of Springboro now stands. After a few years he returned to Connecticut, his family remaining here. Our subject's husband was for many years Constable. Was a foreman on the canal running through this section, having charge of the locks. He was a member of the F. & A. M., and I. O. O. F. He died August 17, 1867. Mr. and Mrs. Lyman Hall were parents of five children, two now living: Julia J., wife of O. A. Chapman (have three children: Hattie L., Bessie E. and Lewis W.), and Kate D., wife of J. S. McCurdy (have two children: Willie D. and Jessie B.). Mrs. Hall has eleven acres of land with a fine residence, part of the old homestead. The only son of our subject, Scott W., enlisted in the United States Navy during the war of the Rebellion, and served on the gun-boat "Cohassee," on the James River; was taken prisoner and remained in Libby prison for about six weeks, when he was exchanged. He was wounded in the foot during an engagement on the James River. After one year's service he was discharged for physical disability. He was a member of the F. & A. M. and the I. O. O. F. He was married August 20, 1862, to Ann J. Johnson, and had one child—Lyman J., and died in the fall of 1866.

MRS. MILLIE A. HALL, Springboro, was born in Oneida County, N. Y., November 27, 1825, daughter of Gurdin and Eliza A. Bowman, natives of New York State. Our subject, their eldest child, was married November 18, 1850, to Barnibus Hall, a native of Skaneateles, Onondaga Co., N. Y., and son of Barnibus Hall, who came with a brother to this county about 1817, and purchased several hundred acres of land where Springboro now stands. He and his sons cleared up this land. To this union were born six children, all now living, viz.: Henry, Edgar, Orin G., Amelia L., Lynn L. and Mary. Mr. Hall died in January, 1882. He was a member of the Christian Church. His widow, who is also a member of that society, owns the home farm of over 200 acres of well-improved land adjoining the village of Springboro.

WILLIAM A. HAMMON, Postmaster, Conneautville, was born in this borough, March 20, 1836; son of Hiram and Maria (Power) Hammon, the latter a daughter of Alexander Power, and a native of Crawford County. Hiram Hammon was born near Ithaca, N. Y., and came to this county in 1830. He was a Captain in a military company, and one of the firm of Hammon & King, contractors on the Erie Extension Canal. He died in 1840 from exposure, leaving two sons: Charles and William A. Our subject acquired his literary education at Conneautville, and also received a good commercial training. From 1856 to 1858 he was connected with a wholesale house in New York City. He was married in 1861 to Fidelia Wood, a native of this borough and daughter of Dr. Robert B. Wood, the first physician to locate in this county. Her mother, a daughter of Jacob Lefevre, one of the first settlers here, was educated in Philadelphia and was a society belle in her younger days. This union has been blessed with three children, only one now living—Mary, wife of W. G. Power. Mr. Hammon belongs to the Presbyterian Church; his wife to the Baptist denomination. From 1860 to 1876 Mr. Hammon was engaged in mercantile business, retiring in the latter year on account of failing health.

HUGH M. HAWKINS, farmer, P. O. Springboro, was born in Ireland, July 12, 1834; son of Michael Hawkins, who came to America in 1848, and settled in Ontario County, N. Y. They had a family of four sons and six daughters, some of whom live in the State of New York, some in Pennsylvania, and one in Wisconsin. Their names are Timothy, Margaret, Michael,

Thomas, Mary, Anne, Bridget, Nora, Ellen and Hugh M. After living in Ontario County, N. Y., for a period of twelve years, the family removed to Wayne County and remained there for three years. Michael Hawkins died in 1862, and his widow followed him in December, 1870. In 1852 the subject of this sketch was married to Mary, daughter of Thomas Shannon, living in this township. Their children are—Michael, William, Thomas, Hugh, Mary E., John, Caroline and Peter. In 1864 Mr. Hawkins enlisted in the Construction Department of the Union Army; was subsequently honorably discharged and returned home. He owns twenty acres of well-improved land. He is a member of the I. O. O. F., G. A. R. and A. O. U. W. His two sons, Thomas and Hugh, are conductors on the Wabash & Western Railroad.

HOLDER T. HEAD, farmer, P. O. Hickernell, was born in Scipio, Cayuga Co., N. Y., July 13, 1823; son of Gamaliel and Betsy Head; the former a native of Rhode Island, of English extraction. Gamaliel came to this county in February, 1837, with his second wife and four children and settled on a farm of 112 acres, 100 of which our subject now owns and lives on. His first wife, the mother of our subject, died when the latter was but four years old. Gamaliel Head was the parent of twelve children, five of whom are now living. He was a member of and Deacon in the Baptist Church, and was one of the founders of the Baptist Church which stands on the east side of Spring Township; was Justice of the Peace for fifteen years in succession. He died in November, 1868. Our subject, the eldest in the family, was married September 28, 1845, to Lydia Turnure, born in Allegany County, N. Y., December 27, 1824. By this union were born five sons: William G., Jasper R., C. Fred, Mark E. and Oscar D. Mr. Head has held several township offices; in politics he is a Republican.

WARREN F. HEAD, retired farmer and carpenter, Springboro, was born in Allegany County, N. Y., October 23, 1828, son of Gamaliel and Alvira (Pitts) Head. The father of Gamaliel Head, a native of Rhode Island, was at one time a wealthy man, but lost his property by endorsing. His son, Gamaliel, resided until twenty-one years of age in Massachusetts, where he was bound out to a man by the name of Holder Tucker. He then went on foot to Cayuga County, N. Y., where he married the lady who became the mother of H. T. Head. This wife dying, Mr. Gamaliel Head married Alvira Pitts, who bore him five children, our subject, the oldest, being the only survivor. The family moved to this county in 1836, settling in Spring Township. Here Mrs. Head died in 1838, aged thirty-one years. Mr. Head followed her in 1868, in his seventy-third year. He was one of the founders of the Spring and Cussewago Baptist Church, located east of Hickernell, in which he was a Deacon for many years. Our subject married in 1851, Lavina Greenlee, a native of this county, born December 14, 1830, daughter of Robert and Anna Greenlee. To this union were born four children: Rosila, wife of Z. Sperry; Alvira A., wife of E. Clawson; Clara, wife of William Hickernell, and Emily. The family are all members of the Baptist Church. Mr. Head owns eighty acres of land, and a nice residence in Springboro. He has held several township offices; is Justice of the Peace; a Deacon in the church. In politics he is a Republican.

BENJAMIN HICKERNELL, farmer, P. O. Springboro, was born in Cumberland County, Penn., August 10, 1827, son of Abram Hickernell. Our subject, the eldest in the family, married, in May, 1851, Harriet Gehr, a native of Summit Township, this county. To this union were born six children, five now living, viz.: Susanna F., wife of S. R. Josling; William L.; Lucy L., wife of W. W. Benedict; Cora B., wife of A. B. Carr, and Fred G. Mr.

Hickernell enlisted, December 31, 1861, in the One Hundred and Eleventh Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, and served in the Twelfth Corps, Army of the Potomac. He participated in the battle of Charleston, W. Va., soon after which he was taken sick and confined to hospital for several months. From this illness he has never quite recovered. He was honorably discharged for physical disability and returned home; is now receiving a pension. Mr. Hickernell owns a farm of eighty acres. He is a member of the United Brethren Church; has held positions on the School Board for over three years. In politics he is a Democrat.

J. P. HICKERNELL, farmer and merchant, P. O. Hickernell, was born in Spring Township, November 28, 1853, son of John Hickernell, a native of Pennsylvania and half-brother to A. W. Hickernell. Mr. Hickernell and brother, Royal C., own 230 acres of well-improved land on which is located, at Hickernell's Corners, a large saw-mill with a capacity of 10,000 feet per day. In connection with this is a shingle, lath and planing-mill. They saw a large amount of logs of their own, besides accommodating the surrounding farmers. Mr. Hickernell is proprietor of a general store at the "Corners," and is Postmaster at the same place, which office was established in May, 1883, and named after him. On July 12, 1871, he was married to Frances A., daughter of William Slater. This union has been blessed with two children: Ralph J. and Emma G.

SAMUEL HIGENELL, farmer, P. O. Springboro, is a native of this township, born May 18, 1835, son of Abram and Susan (Uttley) Higenell, who came to this county about 1830. Their family numbered ten children, seven now living. Abram Higenell, who was of German descent, at one time owned 900 acres of land, which he and his sons converted from a wilderness into a fine farm. He was a member of the United Brethren Church, and one of the founders of the Higernell Church, which was named after him. His father was a rope-maker by trade, and during the war of 1812 made halters for the United States Cavalry, etc. He came with his son to this county, and ended his days with him; he died in 1872. Our subject, the third son in the family, was married January 13, 1859, to Lucy A. Gehr, a native of this county, and daughter of Benjamin and Rebecca Gehr, also natives of Crawford County. They lived in Summit Township. Mrs. Higenell's grandfather was a soldier of the war of 1812. Our subject and wife are parents of five children, four now living: Ella L., wife of William J. Graham; Elmer B.; Anna M., and Lizzie A. Mr. Higenell is owner of 150 acres of improved land, part of which was the old homestead. In politics he is a Democrat.

ABRAM W. HIGERNELL, farmer, P. O. Springboro, was born in Spring Township, this county, April 7, 1841; son of Abram and Sarah Higernell, natives of Pennsylvania, who settled in this county at a very early day. They were parents of nine children, six now living. Abram Higernell, Sr., was born March 30, 1800. He was a farmer, and owned and operated a saw-mill, and engaged in lumbering to some extent. He was one of the organizers, and a consistent member of the United Brethren Church, known as the Higernell Church. His wife died April 19, 1871, and he followed her October 13, 1874. On October 26, 1861, the subject of our sketch enlisted in Company H, One Hundred and Eleventh Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, and was in the following general engagements: Cedar Mountain, at which place he was wounded in the thigh; Chancellorsville, where he was wounded in the left arm; Wauhatchie, Resaca, Dallas, Peach Tree Creek, Sherman's march to the sea, and several minor engagements; was honorably discharged as Sergeant, July 19, 1865, and returned home. While home on furlough, after becoming a veteran, he married Sylvania,

daughter of Benjamin Gehr, an early settler of this county. This union has been blessed with six children: Walter B., Gracie A., Alberta L., Clara B., Carlie A., and Carrie M., who died at the age of five years. Mr. Higernell owns 115 acres of fine land. He has been Township Treasurer and Auditor; in politics is a Democrat. He is a member of the G A. R.

MARTIN HILL, farmer, P. O. Hickernell, was born in Maysville, Chautauqua Co., N. Y., June 17, 1819; son of John and Rowena Hill; former, a native of Vermont, died in this county, April 1863; latter, a native of New York State, died in Erie County in 1842. Our subject, who is the second child, married, September 29, 1844, Harriet N. Patterson, who was born in this township, January 1, 1823, daughter of James and Nancy Patterson, natives of Pennsylvania, and who settled in this county in 1800. They had eleven children, six now living. Mr. Patterson was a prominent man in the township, and one of the members of the old Carmel Baptist Church in Mosiertown. He was a soldier in the war of 1812; he departed this life in 1850; his widow died in 1878. Mr. and Mrs. Hill have three children living: Delos G., Lodoiska E., wife of Ira Z. Patterson, and Omar C. Delos G. enlisted in 1861, in the One Hundred and Thirty-seventh Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, Company B, and served till June, 1865. Mrs. Hill has a farm of sixty-five acres of land. Mr. Hill is an active man in politics and religion; has been Supervisor of Spring Township for six years.

RUSSELL T. HILLS, farmer and house painter, P. O. Conneautville, was born in Eagle Village, Wyoming Co., N. Y., July 13, 1818; son of Nathaniel and Clarinda Hills, natives of Connecticut, who were parents of ten children, two now living. They came to this county in 1840. Grandfather Hills was a soldier in the Revolutionary war. Nathaniel Hills was a farmer and a minister of the Free Baptist Church for forty years. He died in 1857 at the age of eighty-four. His widow, who was a devoted Christian, died in 1860. Our subject, eighth in the family, left New York State in 1854, went to Freeport, Ill., where he remained four years, thence to Chicago for four years, and in 1862 to Titusville, this county. He married, in September, 1844, Chloe E. Hills, born in Wilmington, Vt., November 20, 1820, daughter of Elijah and Fanny Hills, former a native of Massachusetts, latter of New York State. To this union were born three children: Ella J., wife of T. M. Moi; Henry R., and Charles T. The daughter and youngest son are now residents of Oakland, Cal. Mr. Hills was engaged in the oil refining business at Titusville, Penn., for about eighteen months, and in 1864 engaged in agricultural pursuits and house painting. From 1841 to 1860, he was engaged in grocery and crockery business, and in 1873 he moved to his present farm of forty-six acres. Our subject and wife are members of the E. A. U.; she is an adherent of the Presbyterian Church. In his younger days Mr. Hills was a Whig, but is now a Republican; he has held several township offices.

ASA HOLCOMB, retired farmer, P. O. Rundell's, is a native of Connecticut, born July 20, 1804; son of Asa and Lucinda (Miller) Holcomb, also natives of Connecticut, and parents of ten children. They came to this county in 1836. Asa Holcomb, Sr., was a farmer. Our subject, the third in the family, was married February 26, 1833, to Fanny Orcutt, a native of Wendell, Franklin Co., Mass., and daughter of John and Polly Orcutt. To this union were born eleven children, six now living: Almeda C., wife of J. Wood; Hiram J., married to Isabella Southwick; Almira, wife of William Matthews; Sophronia, wife of Z. B. Farr; Viola, wife of George H. Brown, and Lura, wife of George Gates. Our subject has always followed farming pursuits and has accumulated 150 acres of land by hard work and economy on the part of both himself and wife. In politics he is a strong Republican.

LUTHER R. HOTCHKISS, farmer and proprietor saw-mill, P. O. Hickernell, was born in Cussewago Township, this county, March 29, 1847; son of Alvin and Lettie Hotchkiss, former a native of Connecticut, latter of this county, daughter of George Hurd, an early settler in this township. Alvin Hotchkiss and wife came here in 1818, and are at present residing in Washington Township, Erie Co., Penn.; they were parents of eight children, five now living. Joel Hotchkiss, Alvin's father, came to this county also in 1818, and was at one time in the State Militia. Our subject, the youngest in the family, enlisted in August, 1862, in the One Hundred and Thirty-seventh Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, serving in the First Corps, Army of the Potomac. He participated in the battles of Talmouth and Chancellorsville; served nine months and was honorably discharged. In December, 1863, he re-enlisted and served in the Fourteenth Pennsylvania Cavalry, under Gens. Averill and Custer in the Shenandoah Valley. He was in the battles of Winchester, Fisher's Hill, Piedmont, Staunton, Lynchburg, Liberty and Salem, besides many other engagements. He was wounded at Salem in the right arm. After a service of two years and six months under his second enlistment (making a total service of three years and three months), he was honorably discharged, the war being closed. He had six brothers also engaged in that struggle, two of whom, Martin and Dewit, were wounded, the former taken prisoner. Mr. Hotchkiss was married in August, 1872, to Emily Hotchkiss, a native of this township, born March 11, 1845. By this union were four children, two now living: Clarence W., and E. Luanna. Our subject and wife are owners of 100 acres of land which was her father's homestead. He is a F. &. A. M., a member of the G. A. R.; in politics he is a Republican. Mrs. Hotchkiss is a daughter of Willis and Nancy (Patterson) Hotchkiss, former a native of Connecticut, latter a daughter of Samuel Patterson, one of the pioneer settlers and surveyors of Crawford County when it was an almost unbroken wilderness. They were parents of five children, Mrs. Hotchkiss being the youngest and only survivor of her family. Her eldest brother, Marcus, early entered Allegheny College, there pursued with great industry a thorough course of studies and in 1858 graduated with the highest honors of his class. Having completed his collegiate course he entered the office of H. L. Richmond, in Meadville, as a student of law. In the prosecution of his legal studies he was still a close and thorough student, and in August, 1860, was admitted to the bar. The whole country was at that time involved in the great political struggle which elevated Lincoln to the Presidency. Marcus was a Republican from conviction, and soon became one of the most popular canvassers of the campaign, but consumption was creeping upon him and compelled him to sever from ties and turn his face toward the setting sun. He was stricken down at Ft. Kearney, Neb. Ty, and died of hemorrhage of the lungs, June 25, 1861, at the early age of twenty-four years.

ORSON HOUGH, M. D., was born August 7, 1826, in Cayuga County, N. Y.; came to Pennsylvania with his parents in 1837, and has since been a resident of this State. He is a graduate of the Cleveland Medical College, and received the appointment of U. S. Examining Surgeon for pensions in 1870; commissioned Surgeon of the Fifteenth Regiment, N. G. P., in 1875; mustered out, August 5, 1884, by expiration of appointment. He has practiced medicine in Conneautville since 1861.

MRS. ROSANNA HYNES was born August 30, 1812, at Wellsburg, Erie Co., Penn., daughter of Walter and Mary Bradish, the former of whom was an early settler of Erie County, and a soldier in the war of 1812. His father served and was wounded in the Revolutionary war. Mr. and Mrs. Walter

Bradish reared a family of six children, five now living. He died in 1876, his widow following him in 1878. Our subject, the second in this family, married, September 14, 1837, Samuel Russell, a native of Lancaster County, Penn., by whom she had five children, three now living: Mary E., wife of Frank Connell, Maria S., wife of Dr. L. Joslin, and John L., married to Jessie Rice, of Waterford, Penn., September 20, 1876. The youngest daughter, Caroline, was married to L. R. Amidon, July 3, 1862; she died May 8, 1876. Mr. Russell was a cabinet-maker by trade, and worked at this occupation most of the time. He was a consistent member of the Methodist Episcopal Church. He departed this life January 7, 1871. His widow married, June 29, 1876, Alvin S. Hynes, M. D., a native of New York State, a prominent physician having a large practice, also at one time the proprietor of a drug store. He was a member of the Disciple Church. He died June 6, 1883. Mrs. Hynes, who for many years has been identified with some of the best families of Conneautville, owns a residence here and is a consistent member of the Disciple Church. Her grand-daughter, Miss Gertrude Amidon, an experienced preceptor, is living with her, most of the time engaged in teaching school.

JOSEPH IKELER, farmer, P. O. Springboro, was born in Columbia County, Penn., February 15, 1832; son of Andrew and Sarah Ikeler, who moved to Crawford County in 1833, settling in Hayfield Township. They were parents of seven children, four now living; were among the first members of the Wesleyan Methodist Church in Hayfield. Andrew Ikeler was of German extraction. He held several township offices. He died in 1856, his wife in 1855. Our subject, fourth child in the family, was married June 5, 1856, to Mary A. Graham, a native of this county, born December 31, 1836, daughter of Robert and Catherine Graham, former a native of Ireland, latter of York County, Penn. They settled here in a very early day and were parents of nine children. He died in February, 1845. Mrs. Graham was a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church; she died in March, 1867. To our subject and wife were born five children, two now living: Grant H., and Lottie A. Mrs. Ikeler taught school several terms in her younger days. She is a grand-daughter of Henry Frey, who came to Crawford County in 1800 and reared a family of sixteen children. Mr. Ikeler owns 100 acres of improved land, and raises and keeps a good class of graded stock. In politics he is a Republican.

JACOB JOSLIN, retired farmer, P. O. Springboro, was born in Centre County, Penn., January 10, 1846; son of Ira and Sarah Joslin, former a native of New York State, latter of Pennsylvania. They moved to this county in June, 1849. Their family numbered twelve children, four now living. Five sons fought in the Union Army during the late war: Reuben was killed at the battle of Fredericksburg; Joseph was taken prisoner at Coffee Hill, Va., died in Andersonville prison; William was wounded in the arm at Gettysburg, and in the head at Resaca; Peter was in the One Hundred and Forty-fifth Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, was wounded through the body at Spottsylvania and died from the effects in November, 1877. Our subject enlisted August 16, 1862, in the One Hundred and Forty-fifth Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, Second Corps, Army of the Potomac. He was in the battles of Antietam, South Mountain, Fredericksburg (where he was wounded in the left ankle), also several minor engagements. He was honorably discharged June 29, 1865, and returned home. He now resides with Rodney Langdan, whose wife is our subject's eldest sister. They have one child—Cora J. Mr. Joslin is incapacitated for labor, owing to his wounds. He is a member of the G. A. R.

G. W. KENDALL, farmer, P. O. Springboro, was born in Windsor, Vt., July 7, 1832, son of Steven M. and Susan (Osgood) Kendall, natives of Vermont, who came to this county in 1846, parents of nine children, four now living. Steven Kendall was a blacksmith, which trade he worked at for about eighteen years in Springboro. He died in 1880, and his widow, who was a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, in 1882. Our subject, who is seventh in the family, taught school three terms in his younger days, and has followed agricultural pursuits all his life. He makes a specialty of keeping and breeding Alderney cattle. On June 1, 1857, he married Caroline L. Sturtevant, a native of this county, and sister of Asa Sturtevant (see his biography). She died May 17, 1878, and June 22, 1879, Mr. Kendall married Abbie R. Skinner, a native of Brookfield, Vt., born May 25, 1823, and whose parents reside in Chelsea, Vt. She is a member of the Congregational Church at Chelsea, Vt., our subject of the Christian Church. Mrs. Kendall is a graduate of Oberlin College, Ohio. In politics Mr. Kendall is a Republican.

MANUEL LANDON, carpenter and joiner, Conneautville, was born at York, Genesee Co., N. Y., March 5, 1823, son of Thomas and Luamy Landon, natives of Luzerne County, Penn., and Connecticut, respectively, who came with four children to Crawford County in 1825. Thomas Landon was a soldier of the war of 1812; was a farmer by occupation, and located in what is now Conneautville, and here partly cleared 100 acres of land. He held several township offices, and died in 1873, his wife having preceded him in 1846. They were parents of seven children, four now living, and were devoted Christians, original members of the Methodist Episcopal Church here. Our subject, the fourth in the family, received a common school education, and taught school two winters. He learned the carpenter's and joiner's trade before he was twenty-two years of age. Mr. Landon married, in 1852, Mary D. Fetterman, born in Summerhill Township, this county, daughter of James Fetterman. Her parents were natives of this county, and she is a descendant of James Fetterman, one of the first settlers of the county; she commenced teaching school when she was but fifteen, and continued doing so until her marriage at the age of twenty-two. By this union were born two children: Mary A., wife of W. E. McDowell, editor of the *Independent*, and John M. Mr. Landon and wife are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church. He has been an honest, hard-working man, the greater part of his life following the occupation of builder, erecting many structures in this place. He owns three lots here, with a house on each; has served as Burgess, and filled every office in the borough of Conneautville. He is a Republican in politics, with strong temperance proclivities, being a member of every temperance organization started in this village.

HUGH LAVERY, farmer, P. O. Crossingville, was born in County Down, Ireland, March 22, 1816, and was married, April 17, 1842, to Ann McCarrister, a native of same county, Ireland. They came to this country in 1843, and settled, September 22, same year, on the farm where they now reside, in the northeastern part of Spring Township. They raised a family of eight children: Martha E., wife of A. H. Rogers; Sarah A., wife of Thomas Purtill; Mary, wife of James Bennett; Eliza J., wife of James McCummings; Theresa, wife of W. F. Swaney; John H., Christine and Thomas V., who married Miss Katie Hesch. Christine and Thomas V. are living at home. This entire family are members of the Catholic Church at Crossingville. Our subject owns 100 acres of fine farming land, which he and his wife have made by hard work. Mr. Lavery is largely interested in educational matters; is an extensive reader and well informed man; is a Democrat politically.

ELI LAWRENCE, farmer, P. O. Conneautville, was born in Addison County, Vt., August 17, 1810, son of Samuel and Dorcas Lawrence, natives of Vermont, and parents of five children, three now living. They came to this county in 1835, the year after our subject came. Samuel Lawrence was a soldier in the war of 1812, and was present at the battle of Plattsburg; by occupation was a farmer. He died August 21, 1856, in his eighty-eighth year. His widow died January 13, 1860. Our subject, third in the family, was married October 28, 1832, to Elizabeth Barney, born June 22, 1813, in Ontario County, N. Y., and daughter of Joseph Barney, who came to this county the same year as our subject and wife. To this union were born six children, four now living: Clarissa, wife of W. D. Hall; Dorcas, wife of M. Teasdale; Perry G. and Henry B. Our subject and wife are members of the Universalist Church. He owns, with his son, 103 acres, most of which he cleared and improved himself. In politics he is a Democrat.

MRS. LUCINDA LAWRENCE, Springboro, Penn., was born in Beaver Township, Crawford Co., Penn., March 9, 1832, and is a daughter of Henry West, Sr., and sister of Henry West, Jr. (see their biographies). Our subject was twice married—first in 1852, to Samuel Best, a native of Northampton County, Penn., whose parents were early settlers in Cussewago Township, Crawford County. To this union were born Ella M., wife of John M. Beals, of Crossingville, Penn., and Frank E., married to Sallie L. Keep, of Keepville, Erie Co., Penn. Mrs. L. was again married in 1869 to John Lawrence, a native of Albany County, N. Y., and a grandson of Oliver Lawrence, a Revolutionary soldier, and an early settler in this section. Oliver Lawrence was a great-grandson of John Lawrence, born at St. Albans, Hertfordshire, England, and, with his brother William, immigrated to America, landing at Plymouth, Mass., in 1635. This branch of the Lawrence family traces directly to Sir Robert Lawrence, who accompanied King Richard (Cœur-de-Lion) to Palestine in 1191. John Lawrence died September 18, 1881, highly respected by all who knew him. He and our subject were members of the Methodist Episcopal Church. He left a farm of fifty-three acres of improved land, besides giving $1,000 to the Methodist Episcopal Church at Springboro, etc. Mrs. Lawrence is now living in Springboro.

E. L. LITCHFIELD, manufacturer, Burgess, and express agent, Conneautville, was born in Springfield, Vt., August 21, 1817, son of Luther and Anna (Lincoln) Litchfield, the former of whom, a direct descendant of Lawrence Litchfield, of the "Mayflower," was a soldier in the war of 1812, and served in the Massachusetts militia. His father served all through the Revolutionary war, drawing no pay and supporting himself. Luther Litchfield was accidentally killed in Michigan in the fall of 1852. His wife died in 1850. They were the parents of eleven children, of whom our subject was the third. He came to Conneautville in the fall of 1852. Was married in March, 1855, to Mary R. Tickcom, of Mayville, N. Y., and has one daughter—Annie. Mrs. Litchfield is a member of the Universalist Church. After coming to Conneautville Mr. Litchfield first clerked in a dry goods store; then formed a partnership in 1857 with O. O. Ticknor, lumber and grist-mill business. They are also proprietors of a feed store, and carry a good stock of groceries, crockery, etc. He has been agent for the Union Express Company for twenty-four years, and is one of the Directors of the First National Bank. Was School Director, member of Town Council, and was elected Burgess of Conneautville in 1884 on the straight Republican ticket. Mr. Litchfield has been identified with the best business enterprises of the city ever since locating here, and is respected for his integrity and business ability. He is a Knight Templar.

J. LOPER, P. O. Conneautville, was born in Wayne County, N. Y., August 27, 1817, son of Gabril and Arisina Loper, natives of Long Island, and who came to this county in 1832 with their family, settling in Conneaut Township. They were parents of thirteen children, five now living; were members of the Presbyterian Church. Gabril Loper was a drummer boy in the war of 1812; by occupation a farmer. After remaining in Crawford County for about four years, he became dissatisfied, and his wife having poor health, he returned with his family to New York State, where he remained until his death, which occurred in 1861. His widow died in 1864. Our subject, the seventh in the family, for the second time came to this county in 1836, settling on the old homestead in Conneaut Township, and same year married Jane Foster, a native of this township and daughter of Thomas Foster. By this union were born seven children, four now living: William, George, Arisina, wife of A. London, and Lucinda, wife of Joel Rathbun. Mrs. Loper died in August, 1876, and our subject then married Mrs. Fannie Pierce, widow of Stilman Pierce. She had a family of three children: Agnes, wife of Lewis Maryfield; Lillie, wife of Frank Beace, and William. Mr. Loper owns ninety acres of improved land located next to Conneautville Station.

MRS. ELIZA B. LOWRY, Springboro, was born in this township, August 10, 1832, daughter of Thomas and Lyta (Wells) Bowman, former a farmer and a native of Connecticut, latter a native of Beau Manor Park, Leicestershire Co., England, where she can trace her lineage back to 1629. They were parents of four children. Mrs. Bowman's mother was a Herrick, originally Eric, and the lineage of this family is claimed to trace back to the Erics, a race of Danish kings, some of whom invaded England in the ninth and eleventh centuries. Her direct ancestors on American soil came in 1629. Thomas Bowman and Rev. Alden were the first Sabbath-school Superintendents in this county. His father was one of Gen. Washington's life guards in the Revolutionary war. Mrs. Lowry was married to Alexander Lowry, January 7, 1851. He was a brother of Hon. M. B. Lowry, formerly of Erie. This union resulted in two children: Emma, wife of T. B. Parks and Frank T. Mr. Lowry served in the Union Army, enlisting in Company C, Eighty-third Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, February 10, 1862. At the battle of Bull Run he was struck in the side by a piece of a shell, mortally wounding him. Mrs. Lowry owns a residence and store combined in Springboro, where she carries a stock of fine millinery and fancy goods.

MRS. ALICE C. McCABE, P. O. Springboro, was born July 16, 1822, in County Clare, Ireland, and came to America with her parents in 1840, settling in this county same year. Her mother died about 1822, her father in 1854. Our subject married, in 1845, Daniel McCabe, a native of County Monaghan, Ireland. To this union were born eight children, seven of whom are now living, viz.: Martin; Margaret, wife of John Crowe; Michael; Kate; Sarah E.; Daniel and John L. Mr. and Mrs. McCabe first bought a farm in Beaver Township, this county, the greater part of which he cleared, and in March, 1866, sold it and moved to Spring Township, where he bought the highly improved farm of 106 acres on which our subject and family now reside. He died November 11, 1872. Mrs. McCabe and family are all members of the Roman Catholic Church.

WILLIAM R. McCOY, retired farmer, P. O. Springboro, was born August 31, 1803, on the spot where the Fair Grounds is now located, in Conneautville, Penn.; son of Robert and Mary McCoy, natives of Perry County, Penn., who came to this county, settling first in Meadville, in about 1790. Robert McCoy's father was a native of Ireland, and died while a soldier during

the old English and French wars. Robert McCoy was a farmer and first settled on 400 acres of land; he died in 1805. His wife was a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church. They were parents of four children, of whom our subject is the only survivor. Mrs. McCoy, on the death of her husband, married Henry Cook, by whom were born five children, of whom George R. Cook is one (see his biography). William McCoy is probably the oldest living white child born in Spring Township. He has always worked hard and has all his life been engaged in agricultural pursuits. He was married in October, 1825, to Amy Sturtevant, sister of Elon Sturtevant (see his biography). To this union were born eight children, five now living: Robert, Asa S., James B., Eleanor and Julia C. Mr. McCoy has held several township offices; in politics he is a Republican. He has strong temperance proclivities, and although he has used tobacco incessantly for the past sixty years, he enjoys good health.

A. S. McCOY, retired farmer and dealer in nursery stock, Springboro, was born August 14, 1828, in this township, second son of William R. and Amy B. McCoy; former born in Spring Township, this county, August 31, 1803, now living in Springboro; latter a native of Vermont, born April 11, 1805, but reared in New York State. She is a sister of Elon Sturtevant (see his biography). Our subject was educated in the common schools until he came of age, when he attended the higher schools. He taught successfully for nine years. He married, May 20, 1851, Cynthia J. Gates, born in Dansville, N. Y., December 29, 1830, daughter of James and Cynthia Gates, who moved to this county in 1833. To this union were born five children, three of whom are now living: Lois D. (wife of Albert H. Wells), James G. and Olive B. Our subject and wife are members of the Baptist Church. On the breaking out of the war of the Rebellion, Mr. McCoy was the first man to enroll in Beaver Township in 1861, and in 1862 was drafted, but on account of physical disability was not accepted. He was a minute man all through the war, and went to the front when Gen. Lee made his raid into Pennsylvania. Being of a literary turn of mind, he has spent much time in writing for various publications. He is a very strong advocate of temperance. In 1861 he commenced traveling as salesman of nursery stock, but was interrupted by teaching and the war to some extent.

SAMUEL S. McDOWELL, retired farmer, Conneautville, was born in Summerhill Township, this county, March 14, 1826, son of Alexander and Julia A. McDowell, the former a native of Bald Eagle, and the latter of Venango County, Penn. They came to Crawford County in 1796, settling at Summerhill, Grandfather McDowell taking up 800 acres of land, of which Alexander McDowell had 200 acres; and while making the journey from the eastern part of the State on horseback they came to a log-cabin, on a point of land near the head of Watson Run, in which they found a white woman who had been scalped, and a child with its brains dashed out, probably the work of Indians, who were numerous here at that time. Alexander McDowell's father was a native of Scotland. Alexander was a Lieutenant in the war of 1812, serving under Gen. Harrison and later under Com. Perry, at Erie. He and his wife are consistent members of and among the organizers of the Methodist Episcopal Church, at Summerhill. They had twelve children, eight now living. He died May 18, 1872, aged over eighty-six years. His widow, Julia Ann McDowell, died June 2, 1884, aged nearly eighty-three years, at the residence of our subject. Samuel S., when twenty-two years of age purchased a canal-boat, and for about four years was engaged in boating on the Erie Canal; he then built boats one season, making one which he sailed two years on Lake

Erie and then sold to M. B. Lowry of Erie. He afterward returned home, settled down, and November 17, 1853, married Frances C. Winger, of this county. By this union were five children: William E., editor, Conneautville; Nina F. (wife of C. D. Rushmore), Ernest L., jeweler, Arkansas City, Kan.; Frank F., druggist, located here; Clyde S., died at the age of nine years. For three years after marriage Mr. McDowell engaged in agricultural pursuits, then was foreman on canal, Conneautville to junction of canal, till 1859, when his health failed, and he went on a fishing expedition to Cape Ann and Gulf of St. Lawrence. He returned the following fall and followed farming and lumbering till 1866, when he moved to Conneautville, where he has remained since. He has filled many of the township offices, serving at one time as Justice of the Peace, Summerhill; three years as Jury Commissioner of the county; two terms as President of the Crawford County Agricultural Society, and is now a member of the State police, and has captured more horse-thieves and burglars than any man in Crawford County, and has received many warnings to be on his guard, or they would put a stop to him as detective. He owns 160 acres of improved land, part of which was his father's old homestead. He and his wife are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, which he joined in 1837. In politics he is a stanch Republican, with strong temperance proclivities.

GEORGE McMULLEN, retired lumber merchant, Conneautville, was born in 1816, in County Down, Ireland; was married in 1835 to Annie J. Karr, also a native of Ireland. By this union were eight children: John, Andrew R., William, Hugh, Annie J. and George, now living; Mary I. E., died March 18, 1868, at the age of sixteen; Robert J., died January 3, 1862, aged four years and nine months. In 1848 our subject, wife and five children immigrated to America, locating the same year at Meadville, Penn., but after working there a short time at his trade (carriage-making) moved to Summerhill Township, this county, and engaged in manufacturing oars, some of which were exported to France. In 1853 he bought a farm and ran a saw-mill, and did an extensive lumber trade, besides carrying on farming and manufacturing oars. He purchased another farm of fifty acres the same year. In 1872 he and his son William established a lumber business, at Wood Lake Station, thirty miles north of Grand Rapids, Mich. Mr. McMullen sold his interest in this business in 1882 to his son Andrew K., and they do a large and successful trade. Hugh carries on his father's farms in this county. Mr. McMullen ceased manufacturing oars in 1881, when he met with the heavy loss of $5,000, his house and contents being destroyed by fire. He then moved to Conneautville, having purchased a nice residence, and is now leading a more retired life He is a self-made man, and has accumulated a good store of this world's goods, though, in addition to the sums already mentioned, he lost $6,000 prospecting for oil, $2,000 by the burning of his mill, and $4,500 by endorsing for others. He has long been known as one of the most energetic and honest business men of this section. He is an uncle of the Hon. William S. McMullen, of Oil City. Both he and his wife are consistent members of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

GEORGE M. MEYLER, farmer, P. O. Conneautville, was born January 23, 1818, on the farm he now lives on, in Conneautville, this county, son of Morris and Mary Meyler, natives of Wales, who came to America in 1800, settling on the farm now owned by subject, in 1816. They reared a family of nine children, two now living: Mrs. Sarah Wait and George M. Morris Meyler, a teamster in the war of 1812, was a prominent farmer, cleared up much land, and had several contracts for turnpiking. His wife, who was among the early members of the Presbyterian Church, died June 29, 1835.

He departed this life in May, 1853. Our subject, the eighth born to this pioneer couple, received a common school education; married, February 12, 1846, Amanda M. McLaughlin, born in Martinsburg, N. Y., January 5, 1826. Six children were born to this union, only one now living—Mary I., wife of Dr. J. G. Leffingwell (have two sons: L. George and Harry A.). Mrs. Meyler is a member of the Episcopal Church. They both belong to the E. A. U. Mr. Meyler and son-in-law own his father's old homestead, comprising 153 acres. He has held several of the township offices. In politics he is a stanch Democrat.

ALONZO W. MORLEY, farmer, P. O. Albion, Erie County, was born in Van Buren, N. Y., June 7, 1819, son of Chester and Mercy B. Morley, who came to this county in 1833. They had a family of ten children, eight now living. Chester Morley, who had been a soldier in the war of 1812, died May 4, 1882. His widow died November 19, same year. The subject of our sketch has been twice married, first to Polly Hopkins, a native of Van Buren, N. Y. This union was blessed with ten children, only three now living: Joseph E., Myra L., wife of Eli Sheldon, and Sophia B., wife of A. D. Lore. Mrs. Morley died March 19, 1859, and in January, 1861, Mr. Morley was married to Tryphena E. Hopkins, a sister of his first wife. He owns 257 acres of improved land, and is a hard-working farmer. Politically he is a Republican. His son Joseph was a soldier in the late war, served fifteen months and was honorably discharged.

D. B. MOSES, farmer, P. O. Springboro, was born on the farm he now occupies in this township, December 7, 1841, son of Elnathan and Clarissa Moses, natives of New York State, who came to Crawford County, Penn., with four children in 1835, settling on and clearing fifty acres of land. They were parents of ten children, eight now living. Elnathan Moses died January 9, 1854. Our subject, who is the eighth in the family, was married in August, 1866, to Orissa H. Hewitt, a native of this county, and daughter of Orrin and Hannah Hewitt, early settlers of this county, former of whom was a soldier in the late war, and was killed on the 19th of September, 1864; his widow is now living on the old homestead. To this union were born four children, three now living: Orrie M., Jesse F. and Edna M. Mr. Moses owns 100 acres of well-improved land. In politics he is a Democrat.

F. MOULTHROP, proprietor of Conneautville Iron Works, was born October 12, 1819, in what is now Lake County, Ohio, son of Timothy and Polly Moulthrop, natives of Burlington, Vermont. The former, a clothier by trade, carried on that business in Ohio until his death, which occurred about 1824. His widow, who was a consistent member of the Presbyterian Church, survived him till 1874. They were parents of five children, three now living. Our subject, the fourth in this family, learned the trade of a molder when quite young; migrated to Conneautville in 1840, the same year marrying Amy A. Bliss, born in Cayuga County, N. Y., and a second cousin of Dr. Bliss, of Washington, D. C. By this union were born seven children: Harrison B., George F., Clara A., wife of R. M. Lints, Henry C., Mary E., Alma C. and Flora E. Mr. Moulthrop, wife and daughter, Clara A., are members of the Universalist Church. After coming here Mr. Moulthrop formed a partnership with S. W. Knox, and carried on a foundry thirteen years; in 1855 he was elected Justice of the Peace, serving five years; in 1863 he and C. A. Hammon purchased the foundry and machine shops now owned by himself and sons (Harrison B. and George F., senior members of the firm, buying an interest in 1867). The firm style is Moulthrop & Sons. They do a large business, manufacturing engines and making a specialty of circular-saw-mills, and do

all kinds of repairing, giving employment to from eight to twelve men. Our subject is a self-made man; starting for himself at sixteen, by honesty and industry he has accumulated a fair amount of this world's goods, and established a substantial business. He has filled several township offices, and has served as Burgess of Conneautville; is a member of the R. T. of T. He and his sons have strong temperance principles, and support the Republican party.

HON. ISAAC NELSON, farmer and member of the State Legislature, P. O. Hickernell, is a native of Spring Township, this county, born September 30, 1831; son of George and Mary Nelson, natives of this county. George Nelson was a son of Robert Nelson, who was among the first settlers of the county, and whose wife was a daughter of Isaac Kelley, one of the early pioneers of Rockdale, this county. The father of our subject was a prominent farmer and blacksmith, which trade he carried on at his farm; he was a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church. He died December 23, 1866, his widow following him January 10, 1868. Our subject, the second son in the family, received a common school training, and was married April 13, 1856, to Lydia Bates, a native of Chautauqua County, N. Y., born March 30, 1831. To this union were born seven children: Mary E., wife of C. Burdette Holcomb; R. Seymour; Martha D., wife of Elwin D. Hewit; John H., Annette D., Jessie and George. Mr. Nelson is the owner of 230 acres of land, part of which was the old homestead. He served eleven years as one of the Board of Supervisors, and four successive terms as Assessor. He was elected a member of the State Legislature in the fall of 1882, and served on the Committees of Agriculture, Statistics, Pensions and Reform, and he gave $300 salary to the Supervisors of the township, to be used for any improvements that they thought best. In politics he is a Democrat. He enlisted for three months in the State Militia, in Capt. S. W. Roberts' company, at the time Gen. Lee made his raid into Pennsylvania, and with others volunteered to leave the State and go to New Creek, W. Va.

GEORGE W. NEWTON, farmer and dealer in phosphates, Springboro, was born September 7, 1830, at Stephentown, Rensselaer Co., N. Y., and is a son of George and Martha Newton, the former a native of Connecticut, the latter of the State of New York. They were citizens of Erie County, Penn., for many years. They had a family of four children, two of whom are now living. George Newton, Sr., was a soldier in the war of 1812. He died in 1850. His widow is still living. The subject of our sketch came to this county in 1854, settling on the farm he now lives on. In November, 1852, he was united in marriage with Elizabeth Greenlee, a native of this township and daughter of Robert Greenlee, an early settler of this county. This union has resulted in five children: Eva A., wife of Charles P. Rose; Martha E., James H.; Mary E., wife of George M. Stoddard; and Robert G., who died at the age of four years. Mr. and Mrs. Newton and their first and second daughters are members of the Baptist Church. He is a member of the I. O. O. F. and R. T. of T. His wife is a member of the E. A. U. He has held some of the township offices; is a Republican in politics. He dealt very extensively in L. L. Crocker's Buffalo Phosphates for stimulating the soil. He handles agricultural implements, making a specialty of mowers and reapers. Mr. Newton is owner of 115 acres of land, and is a breeder of short horn cattle and standard-bred horses.

FORREST R. NICHOLS, son of Stephen A. and Thankful T. Nichols, was born in Cambridgeboro, Crawford Co., Penn., March 28, 1845. When ten years of age his parents moved to Conneautville, Penn., where he received a good common school education. In 1861, his father being commissioned Post-

master of Conneautville, he went into the office as clerk, which position he filled efficiently until the expiration of his father's commission. Afterward he received and accepted a situation as clerk in the Meadville, Penn., postoffice, under Clinton Cullum, where he stayed until 1867; returned to Cambridgeboro and entered into co-partnership with J. L. Kelly and N. L. Snow in general merchandise trade. In 1873 he returned to Conneautville to accept a situation as book-keeper and teller of First National Bank, and at the death of the President of the bank, John Wormald, he was appointed Cashier, which position he now fills. In 1882 he was elected as one of the Delegates to the Republican State Convention at Harrisburg, Penn., for the purpose of nominating a Governor. In the spring of 1884 he was nominated, and elected November 4 of the same year, as one of the Republican Assemblymen for General Assembly, State of Pennsylvania, his vote being 7,348, showing a plurality for Forrest R. Nichols (Republican) over J. J. McCruin (Democrat) of 1,293.

SENECA NICOLLS, farmer, blacksmith and dealer in pressed hay, P. O. Conneautville, was born in Locke, Cayuga Co., N. Y., November 18, 1817; son of Simon and Polly (Gleason) Nicolls, natives of New York State and parents of five children; the former, a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, died in 1844; the latter, who was a Presbyterian, died in 1823. Simon Nicolls was a soldier in the war of 1812; his father in the Revolutionary war. Our subject's eldest brother, Sylvester, was a soldier in the Mexican war and for a further five years after the termination of that war served in the United States Army. The subject of this sketch, who is second in the family, served seven years and two months apprenticeship to the blacksmith's trade. He came to this county in 1838. He was married in the following year in Ithaca, N. Y., to Anna J. North, a native of Susquehanna County, Penn., and daughter of Chauncy North, formerly of Conneaut Township, this county. To this union were born ten children, two only surviving: Simon C. and Adis E. Mrs. Nicolls died January 17, 1884. Our subject settled first in Conneautville, where he engaged in the manufacture of wagons and carriages; for some time he had also a livery business. He moved to his present farm, consisting now of 400 acres, in 1856. Besides farming, he carries on a wagon and blacksmith shop located on the farm. Mr. Nicolls has also made a specialty, for the past fifteen years, of growing, press-packing and shipping hay. He has held several township offices; is a member of the E. A. U.; in politics is a Republican.

WILLIAM C. OAKES, proprietor the "Power House," Conneautville, was born October 12, 1841, in Randolph Township, this county; son of Levi and Sarah (McFadden) Oakes; the former a native of Massachusetts, the latter of this county. They were parents of five children. The father of Mrs. Sarah Oakes was an early settler of this county and a soldier in the war of 1812. Levi Oakes was a carpenter by trade, but chiefly engaged in agricultural pursuits. He came to this county with his father, John Oakes, about 1821, settling in Randolph Township, where he took up 100 acres of woodland which he cleared and improved. Both he and his wife are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church. He died May 20, 1863. His widow resides with her son Hiram. Our subject, the second child of that old pioneer couple, received a common school education and remained on the farm until July, 1862, when he married Miss Ruth Depew, a native of Summerhill Township, this county, and daughter of Nicholas Depew, who came to Crawford County with his father when a boy. Six children were the result of this union, three now living: Addie M., Dora R. and Hattie A. Mrs. Oakes is an adherent of the Methodist Episcopal Church. After marriage Mr. Oakes moved to the oil country, remaining there eight years. In 1876 he came to Conneautville and engaged in the livery

business until December 1, 1883, when he became proprietor of the "Power House," of which he has proved himself a very popular landlord. He has been Constable four years; is a member of the I. O. O. F. and K. of H. In politics he is a Republican.

ANSON PARSONS, physician and surgeon, Springboro, was born June 19, 1830, in Sunderland, Bennington Co., Vt.; son of Truman Parsons, a native of the same place and who died there aged eighty-four years. His father was also a native of Sunderland, Vt., and departed this life there. He was a soldier in the Revolutionary war. The father of our subject raised a family of ten children, all now living, Anson being the fifth child. Our subject studied medicine and graduated at the old Medical University of Baltimore on the same day that Lincoln was inaugurated the second time. He was connected with the Union Army for four years, acting as Hospital Steward and serving most of the time in the United States National Hospital, Camden Street, Baltimore. On December 5, 1851, he was united in marriage with Delora M. Brainard, sister of Hon. S. M. Brainard, M. C., of Erie County, Penn., and daughter of a soldier of the war of 1812. This union has resulted in five children: Emma J., wife of Rev. Alvin Madole; Herbert H.; Frances P., wife of William Jamison; Willard T., and Ada, wife of Mark Fortune. Mrs. Parsons departed this life August 18, 1863, and Dr. Parsons was again married September 6, 1865, on this occasion to Katherine L., daughter of Hon. William Darlington, M. D. and LL. D., West Chester, Penn., and granddaughter of Gen. Lacey, of Revolutionary war fame. Dr. Parsons is a F. & A. M., a member of the E. A. U., A. O U. W., G. A. R. and the American Institute of Homœopathy, and State of Pennsylvania Homœopathic Medical Society. He has a fine farm of 100 acres in Erie County, Penn. He has practiced his profession since the war in Erie and Crawford Counties, and for the past twelve years at Springboro.

REV. RICHARD PEARSE, pastor Baptist Church, Springboro, was born in Cornwall, England, February 14, 1848. He was educated in Bodmin, Cornwall, and began preaching at the age of nineteen. After four years hard work and study, he was compelled to relinquish his charge on account of ill health. Having, previous to entering the ministry, learned house-building and carpentering, he now commenced in that line for a living. In April, 1872, he married Anna M. Hawke, a native of England and who came to this country the same year. To Mr. and Mrs. Pearse have been born five children: Charles J., Ethel, Leo G., Arthur J. and Burnard R. In 1875 our subject again renewed the ministry, preaching in the Baptist Church at Mosiertown, this county, where he remained until April 1, 1879; then removed to Springboro, where he has since been pastor of the Baptist Church. During his ministry in Springboro the church has flourished well. There is a membership of ninety-eight and the Sunday-school numbers seventy-five scholars. Rev. Mr. Pearse is a member of the R. T. of T., and is an earnest worker in the cause of temperance.

JAMES POWER, retired farmer, Conneautville, was born in this borough, June 13, 1812; son of Alexander and Mary Power, natives of Perry County, Penn., the former of whom was educated in Philadelphia when it was only a small town. In 1790 Alexander Power came to Crawford County, sent by the Commonwealth as Surveyor, and having sixteen engineers under him. He did much surveying for the Holland Land Company, taking land in payment for his services. He owned at one time over 800 acres, on part of which now stands Conneautville, originally named in his honor and known for thirty years as Powerstown. He laid out the first village lots, and about 1797 brought his wife and two children here. He built two grist-mills and a saw-

mill; served as Justice of the Peace for many years and was appointed the first Postmaster, holding his commission for many years. At that time a marriage license was required in Ohio and many came to him from that State; at one and the same time he married several couples. He and his wife were members of the Presbyterian organization and he was the principal mover in establishing a church at this place. They reared a family of five children, James and two sisters now living. Mrs. Power died in 1814, and he survived her till May 13, 1850. Our subject received a common school education and learned the miller's trade at which he has worked about thirty years. He was married in 1837 to Julia A., daughter of Jonathan Hubbard, a very early settler of this section. By this union were seven children: Edward H., James A., Willie C.. died in Salem, Mo., September 1, 1875; Charles M.; Margaret F., wife of S. H. Sherlock; Maria M., wife of C. C. McNamara, and Sarah E., wife of S. W. Marshall. Mrs. Power, a consistent member of the Presbyterian Church, died in 1864. She was a lovely, amiable Christian mother, devoted to her home and family, and she died lamented and mourned by all who knew her; the poor lost their best friend, and her memory is cherished fondly and dearly by each child—indeed, she is held in sacred and loving remembrance by all. Mr. Power has always been a temperate man, and has never used tobacco. He has followed agricultural pursuits most of his life, clearing large tracts of land; now owns about thirty acres and is leading a retired life. He was formerly a Whig in politics, but has supported the Republican party since its organization.

WILLIAM E. POWER, farmer and dealer in stock, P. O. Conneautville, was born in Bloomfield, Penn., February 20, 1832; son of Charles B. and Permelia (Ellis) Power, the former a native of Bloomfield, Penn., the latter of Massachusetts. The father of Charles B. Power, William, brother of Alexander Power, at one time a State Surveyor, and who surveyed a considerable portion of this section. had a family of six, of whom the father of our subject was the third son. He was one of the first graduates of Allegheny College, after which he read law with Mr. Alden and was admitted to the bar when twenty-seven years of age. He practiced his profession in Meadville, Penn., for about twenty years and finally settled on the farm on which our subject now lives, and devoted himself to agricultural pursuits for the balance of his life. He and his wife were members of the Episcopal Church. They were parents of three children. He died in 1869, his widow in May, 1881. Our subject, who is the eldest in the family, received an academic education and taught school seven terms in all. He married, in 1858, Frances Billings, a native of this county and daughter of D. S. Billings, of East Springfield, this county. To this union have been born nine children, seven now living: Sarah F., wife of Paul Morril; Jessie M., Frank W., Charles B., Effie L., Horace H. and Robert E. Mrs. Power is a member of the Episcopal Church. Our subject was a clerk in the Postoffice Department at Washington for about three years before he was married. He has been identified with the grist and sawmill business for several years at Conneautville, and deals extensively in stock in connection with his farm.

A. L. POWER, insurance agent and retired merchant, Conneautville, was born October 13, 1838, in this borough; son of William and Sarah (Lefevre) Power, the latter a native of Pennsylvania, born February 13, 1804. William Power was born in what is now Summit Township, this county, February 22, 1804, son of Alexander Power, who was born in Perry County, Penn., in 1761, a surveyor (educated in Philadelphia), and one of the pioneer settlers, coming to this section with a party of engineers in 1794; married, in 1798, Mary Mc-

Namara, whom he brought here on horse back, on their wedding tour. He was the founder of Conneautville (which for many years bore his name); built the first grist-mill and saw-mill, and established the first Presbyterian Church here. The village was named for him—Powerstown. He had five children: William and James (deceased), Margaret, Eliza (deceased), and Maria. Alexander's father was William Power, a native of Ireland, who came to America in 1754, and settled on what is now known as the Power farm, in Perry County, Penn., where he died in 1803. He was a son of Samuel Power, a native of Scotland, who moved, with twenty Presbyterian families, to Ireland in an early day. William Power, the father of our subject, kept hotel at Conneautville after his marriage till 1834, when he embarked in mercantile business, which he successfully conducted till the spring of 1860; also had a warehouse on the canal and did a general forwarding and commission business; was Postmaster of this borough for twenty years, receiving his commission when only twenty years of age. He and his wife were prominent members of the Presbyterian Church; were parents of three children: Fidelia M., William W., and A. L. He died in 1879, his wife having preceded him in 1847. The subject of this sketch was married in 1862, to Atelia Hammon, who bore him one son—Harry; both mother and son died in 1867. In 1868 Mr. Power again married, on this occasion, Louise Spangler, by whom he has a son—Frank A. This wife died March 9, 1883. Mr. Power from 1860 to 1883 was engaged in mercantile business with his brother, William.

LAFAYETTE PRUSIA, farmer and tax collector, P. O. Springboro, was born January 20, 1842, in this township, and is the eldest son of David and Sibyl Prusia, and brother of Hiram and George W. Prusia, whose sketches follow this. Our subject enlisted in November, 1861, in the One Hundred and Eleventh Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, serving in the Army of Virginia. He was in several skirmishes, and was taken ill of typhoid fever at Cedar Creek and sent to a hospital. In January, 1863, he was honorably discharged and returned home. Being afterward drafted, he paid $300 for a substitute, and in August, 1864, enlisted in the United States Navy, serving in the engineer's department, on the gun-boat "R. R. Cuyler," in the South Atlantic Squadron. He was present at the bombardment of Fort Fisher. After that engagement his vessel visited Pensacola Harbor, thence New Orleans, Galveston, and finally Brooklyn Navy Yard, where our subject was discharged, July 1, 1865. On October 7, 1866, Mr. Prusia was married to Emma R. Dedrick, a native of New York State, and daughter of Jerry Dedrick, of Erie County, Penn. To this union were born six children, viz.: Nellie A., Isabel, Frederick A., Agnes, Glenn A. and Ruby. Our subject has held several township offices; is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church and the G. A. R.; is Township Tax Collector. He is owner of ninety acres of land, half of which is cleared and improved. In politics he is a Republican.

HIRAM PRUSIA, farmer, P. O. Springboro, was born in this township October 6, 1843, and is a son of David and Sibyl Prusia, who were parents of eight children, seven now living. David Prusia has been a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church for many years. He has always been a farmer except for about six years, during which time he was engaged in mercantile business. He is at present residing with his children in this county. The subject of this sketch enlisted in the One Hundred and Eleventh Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, December, 1862, and served in Army of Virginia, Sixth Corps. At the battle of Cedar Mountain he was wounded just below the left knee and taken prisoner by the Fifth Louisiana "Tigers," and undoubtedly would have been killed, but for the Captain, who prevented his men from

harming him. This Captain gave him a drink of whisky and gunpowder. He suffered much through loss of blood, and his wounds were not dressed until his return to the Union lines, seven days after he received his wound. He was sent to Culpeper, and from there to Alexandria, where he remained until honorably discharged on account of his wounds, when he returned to his home. On November 8, 1866, he was married to Maria Morley, sister of A. W. Morley. They had seven children, four now living. Mr. Prusia owns fifty-three acres of well-improved land. He is a member of the G. A. R.; a member of the Baptist Church; in politics a Republican.

GEORGE W. PRUSIA, farmer and lumberman, P. O. Springboro, was born in this township April 3, 1848, and is a son of David and Sibyl Prusia, the former a native of New York State, the latter of Vermont. They were parents of eight children. David Prusia, who was a farmer, came to this county about 1834. He has held several township offices, and is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church. His wife died in 1858. Our subject, who is the sixth in the family, was married November 11, 1869, to Emma V., daughter of John Rushmore, and a native of Conneaut Township, this county. To this union were born Edith S. and Byron J. Mr. Prusia enlisted, in 1864, in the Fifty-second New York Volunteers, serving in the Third Brigade, First Division of the Second Corps, under Gen. Hancock, Army of the Potomac; was in the engagement at Weldon Railroad; participated in the siege of Petersburg, and was honorably discharged June 20, 1865. He is owner of 210 acres of land, of which seventy are unimproved. He has held some township offices. In politics he is a Republican.

J. R. RICE, farmer, P. O. Rundell's, was born in this county, April 6, 1843, son of Horman and Susanna (Bradish) Rice, former a native of Massachusetts, latter of Erie County, Penn. They were parents of six children, five now living; were members of the United Brethren Church. Horman Rice came to this county with his father in a very early day; latter was a soldier in the war of 1812. Our subject, the oldest in the family, was married, July 5, 1866, to Eliza, daughter of Adam and Catherine Hammaker, and a native of Mercer County, Penn. Her maternal grandfather, Foke, was a soldier in the war of 1812, and her great-grandfather, Hammaker, came to America with William Penn. Mr. and Mrs. Rice are parents of three children: Charles B., Emma L. and Horton J. Mrs. Rice is a member of the United Brethren Church at Hickernell. Our subject is owner of a farm of ninety-five acres, with a neat residence thereon, built in 1881; in politics he is a Republican.

NELSON W. ROSS, farmer, P. O. Rundell's, was born on the farm he now owns and lives on near the southeast corner of this township, August 17, 1824, son of Justice and Amelia (Morris) Ross, former a native of Rhode Island, latter of Greene County, N. Y., and a daughter of John Morris, who came to Crawford County about 1814. Justice Ross came to this township in 1822, settling on the farm our subject bought of William C. Ross. He died July 26, 1876, his widow following him March 18, 1879. Our subject, the oldest child and only son in a family of five, was married, in 1852, to Elizabeth Rice, a native of this county, and a daughter of Hormon and Mary (Barnes) Rice, early settlers in the county, coming in 1814. To this union were born six children, four now living: Laura J., wife of L. C. Graves; Lillie A., wife of Reuben Kendal; Steven V. and William H. Mr. Ross, in addition to farming, pays considerable attention to the making of ax-handles, for which he has held a high reputation ever since he was a boy. He owns a farm of fifty acres, with an excellent residence thereon, built in 1883. He has held several township offices; in politics is a Republican. Our subject's grand-

father, Ross, moved from Rhode Island to Penfield, N. Y., and was the third settler of that place. He had been a privateersman in the Revolutionary war.

MORGAN L. ROGERS, farmer and manufacturer, P. O. Rundell's, was born in Dutchess County, N. Y., November 18, 1819, son of Platt and Harriet Rogers, also natives of New York State, who came to this county in 1821. They were parents of four children, three now living. Platt Rogers was a millwright and carpenter, following his trade mainly in this county. He erected two grist-mills in Conneautville, and many others. He died in September, 1877; his widow, who is in her eighty-seventh year, is now residing with her son Gilbert. Our subject, the eldest in the family, married, February 7, 1843, Caroline Seelye, born November 3, 1823, in Warren County, N. Y., and daughter of William and Irene Seelye, former a native of New York State, latter of Connecticut. They came to this county in 1837; were parents of seven children, five now living. Mr. Seelye, a blacksmith by trade as well as a farmer, was twice married. His first wife died March 15, 1872, and July 13, 1878, he married Mrs. Sophia Norris, widow of Henry Norris. He is a member of the Universalist, his wife of the United Brethren Church. To Mr. and Mrs. Rogers were born four children: Elmira E., wife of Josiah Morris; Phebe A., Edwin G. and William M. Our subject, with his wife and sons, owns 190 acres of land. He and his sons are also proprietors of a mill, situated on their farm, where they manufacture broom handles, shingles, lumber, etc.; have also a run of buhr-stones for grinding corn. In politics Mr. Rogers is a Republican.

REV. JOHN I. RUDDY, Rector of St. Peter's Roman Catholic Church, Conneautville, Penn., was born November 24, 1853, in Hawley, Wayne Co., Penn. His parents, who are natives of Ireland, moved from Hawley to Scranton, Penn., in the year 1866, and from this time until the year 1870 the subject of this biographical sketch attended the Scranton High School. In September, 1870, young Ruddy entered St. Bonaventure's College, Allegany, Cattaraugus Co., N. Y., where he pursued and finished his collegiate course. He then went to the Seminary of St. Sulpice, Montreal, Canada, and there for three years devoted himself to the studies of mental philosophy and theology. On January 21, 1877, he was elevated to the priesthood by Rt. Rev. Bishop Mullen, of Erie, Penn., and, with the exception of one year spent in Emlenton, Penn., Father Ruddy has ever since ministered to the spiritual wants of the Catholics of Conneautville and vicinity. Of a strong and vigorous constitution, he is the very picture of good health, and promises to labor many years in "God's vineyard." In Conneautville, as well as wherever known, he enjoys to a great degree the regard and esteem of all classes of people, irrespective of religious creed.

AUSTIN RUNDEL, P. O. Rundel's, is a native of New York State, born February 5, 1800, son of David and Sabrah Rundel, former a native of New York State, latter of Connecticut. They came to this county in 1818, bringing a family of six children. David Rundel was a farmer of considerable prominence; he took up 200 acres of land which he and his sons cleared. The post-office, Rundel's, was named after him. He was a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church. His wife died March 23, 1859; he followed her June 19, 1859. Our subject, who is second in the family, married July 15, 1824, Susanna Curtis, a native of Greene County, N. Y., who bore him seven children, five now living: Harriet (wife of William H. Smith), Ira, Edgar, Elisha and Almira. Mrs. Rundel died July 15, 1864. Ira Rundel married November 17, 1874, Florence Dauchy, a native of Springboro, born July 17, 1848, daughter of A. R. Dauchy, an extensive land-owner and proprietor of real

estate in Springboro in his day. He died August 13, 1879. His widow has resided in Springboro ever since his death. To this union were born Fred A., Jennie L., Myra A., Florence Edna, E. F., and Emma B., who died September 15, 1884. Our subject owns seventy-eight acres of improved land. Fifty-seven acres have been on record for his son Ira for several years, and the ballance of the seventy-eight acres is deeded to Ira, his wife and heirs, to be delivered up to them after Austin Rundel's death.

EDGAR RUNDEL, wagon-maker and farmer, P. O. Rundel's, was born in this township August 14, 1834, son of Austin and Susanna (Curtis) Rundel, natives of New York State. (See their biography.) Our subject has worked at his trade (wagon-maker) since he was twenty-one years of age. He is both a wood-worker and a blacksmith; he also carries on a farm. He married, August 26, 1855, Frances Holcomb, a native of New York State, and daughter of Luman Holcomb, who came to this county in an early day, and is still living here. To this union has been born one son—Orlin E.—who married, May 13, 1880, Anna Pinkerton, a native of Lawrence County, Penn. Orlin is working in his father's shop, which stands on the farm, and he and his wife reside with our subject. She is a member of the Presbyterian Church. Mr. Edgar Rundel and his son are in politics Republicans.

ALFRED SERGEANT, retired farmer, P. O. Springboro, was born in Cincinnatus, N. Y., March 13, 1804, son of Phineas and Polly Sergeant, natives of Worcester, Mass., and who came to this county in March, 1818. Phineas Sergeant was a farmer, and Captain in the State militia; he died in 1854, aged eighty-four. Mrs. Sergeant died in 1850, aged eighty-five. Our subject, the fifth and only surviving member of the family, was married in 1831, to Hannah M. Phelps, a native of the State of New York. Her father died when she was a child; her mother was among the early settlers of this township. To this union were born seven children, three now living: Martin P., has a residence in Ashtabula, Ohio; is married and has two sons, one of whom is married; Electa S., wife of A. O. Paul (had two children, one now living—Frank H.); and Addie M., married to R. D. Cheeseman (have two children, boy and girl). Mr. and Mrs. Cheeseman have a good residence in Miles Grove, Erie Co., Penn. A. O. Paul is a son of Samuel and Lucy Paul; he built a handsome residence in Springboro in 1883; has been engaged in the sale of nursery stock many years, and owns seventy-five acres of land; he is a member of the I. O. O. F. and A. O. U. W.; in politics is a Democrat. Our subject was a Lieutenant, Captain and Major in the Volunteer militia, and has held several township offices; was formerly a Whig, but now supports the Republican party. His wife dying in April, 1875, Mr. Sergeant sold his land, and is now living in retirement.

WRIGHT SHELDON, farmer, P. O. Springboro, was born in Addison County, Vt., January 15, 1806, son of Arad and Jerusha Sheldon, natives of Connecticut, who came to this township in January, 1832. Their family numbered ten children, five now living. They were members of the Baptist denomination, of which church at Springboro, Mrs. Sheldon was an original member. He died in 1868 and his widow followed him in 1870. Our subject who is third in the family, came to this county with his wife and one child in March, 1832. He was married July 1, 1824, and reared eight children, seven of whom are now living. Their son Arad was a soldier for three years during the late war, in the One Hundred and Eleventh Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry. He contracted a disease, through hardships undergone, which caused his death in the fall of 1868. The names of those living are Patience, Samuel W., Levi, Eli M. (was in the army nine months), Theodore, Phœbe (wife of R. C.

Sloan), and Judson. Mr. and Mrs. Sheldon, two sons and one daughter are members of the Baptist Church at Springboro. Our subject is owner of 150 acres of well improved land. He was almost blind for nearly two years, owing to cataracts in both eyes, but by proper treatment has greatly recovered his eyesight. In politics he is a Democrat.

HIRAM SHELDON, retired farmer, P. O. Springboro, was born in Shoreham, Vt., September 27, 1812, son of Arad and Jerusha Sheldon, former a native of Massachusetts, the latter of Vermont. Our subject first came to this county in 1832, and in 1836 moved to Dansville, N. Y., where he married Almeda Gates, a native of Hartford, N. Y. He returned to this county with his bride and settled on eighty acres of timbered land. This he cleared and subsequently bought an addition to it. To Mr. and Mrs. Sheldon were born four children: Melinda, wife of Abram Brown; Ruth, wife of E. E. Eighmy; Oscar F. and Amanda, wife of Lewis H. Quinby. Mrs. Sheldon dying in 1854, our subject married in 1855, Mrs. Maria Hall, widow of Orin Hall. By this union was born one son—Wallace B. Mr. Sheldon losing his second wife in 1867, he married November 12, 1868, Mrs. Lucy Andrus, widow of Allen Andrus. Our subject is a member of the Baptist and his wife of the Presbyterian Church. Mr. Sheldon and his son Oscar were at one time proprietors of the tannery at Springboro. He has followed agricultural pursuits all his life and has amassed a considerable amount of property by industry and economy. He has held all the township offices. In politics he is a Democrat.

MRS. HARRIET D. SHELDON, Springboro, was born in Dansville, N. Y., January 12, 1822, daughter of Jacob and Betsy Prusia, natives of Pennsylvania, who came to this county in 1834. They were parents of twelve children. Jacob Prusia, who was a blacksmith and farmer, died in 1860, his wife in March, 1858. They were members of the Methodist Episcopal Church. Our subject married, January 24, 1839, Andrew Sheldon, who was born July 22, 1819, at Dansville, N. Y. He came to this county with his parents in 1830. His father, Arad Sheldon, was an influential farmer. He reared a family of twelve children. To this union were born eight children, viz.: Cordelia R., wife of S. B. Sturtevant; Edgar A., James H., Caroline E., wife of A. V. Wetmore; Emma H., wife of J. B. Fields; Matilda J., wife of S. F. Nelson; Esther L., and Sarah F., wife of T. W. Beals. The husband of our subject was a farmer and did much toward improving this section of the county. He was a Justice of the Peace and had held all the township offices; was an original member of the Baptist Church at Springboro, having joined when about fifteen years of age. He died June 23, 1881. Mrs. Sheldon is a member of the Baptist Church. She resides on the homestead owned by her late husband, consisting of fifty acres of improved land.

EDGAR A. SHELDON, farmer, P. O. Springboro, was born in Spring Township, this county, February 20, 1844, son of Andrew and Harriet Sheldon; former a native of Vermont, latter of the State of New York. They were parents of eight children, all now living. Andrew Sheldon came to this county at a very early day He was one of the founders and a consistent member of the Baptist Church at Springboro. He departed this life in June, 1881, at the age of sixty-two years. His widow is now living on the old homestead. The subject of this sketch is the oldest son of this pioneer family. In October, 1861, he enlisted in the One Hundred and Eleventh Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, and served under Gen. Rosecrans in Virginia. At the battle of Cedar Mountain he was captured, and placed in Belle Island and Libby prisons, where he remained five weeks. While prisoner he received an injury to one of his eyes that has troubled him ever since. He was honorably discharged

in March, 1863. Mr. Sheldon was married in March, 1871, to Clara, daughter of Philip Schafer. She was born in Spring Township, this county, November 11, 1848. They have had two children: Clyde E. and Seth J. Our subject owns fifty acres of improved land, which was a part of his father's old homestead. In politics he is a Republican.

JAMES H. SHELDON, farmer, P. O. Springboro, was born in this township, June 11, 1846, son of Andrew and Harriet Sheldon, natives of New York State and parents of eight children. Andrew Sheldon, an extensive farmer in his life-time, came to this county with his father, Arad Sheldon, driving a yoke of oxen the entire distance. He died June 23, 1881. Our subject, who is the third in the family, married, December 9, 1868, Rosetta Fuller, born in New York State, May 12, 1848, and daughter of Rev. J. J. and Vanessa Fuller, also natives of New York State, and parents of seven children; former died May 18, 1877, latter October 10, 1871. Rev. J. J. Fuller was a Baptist minister, an earnest, devoted Christian. He first came to Crawford County in 1850, and preached at Springboro, where he did much for the advancement of his church. Mr. and Mrs. Sheldon have one son—Ray Henry. They are members of the Baptist Church. He is a member of the Grange. In politics he is a Republican.

GEORGE W. SLAYTON, retired farmer, Conneautville, was born at Springfield, Otsego Co., N. Y., May 7, 1804, son of Washington and Dorcas (Waite) Slayton, natives of Massachusetts and parents of eleven children, only three now living. Our subject, the third in the family, lost his mother when he was quite young; married, December 17, 1826, Marcia Holmes, born July 27, 1805, in Oneida County, N. Y., by whom he has two children: Azel H., now located in Topeka, Kan., owning a farm three miles out; and Murray Z., living in town. Mr. Slayton came to this county with his wife and children in 1833; here built a saw-mill on Conneaut Creek, getting it in working order by January 8, 1834 (it was destroyed by floods several years after). The next year he bought a property of fifty-eight acres on the west side of the creek, which he improved and made into a nice farm. Then bought a house and lot in Albion, Erie County, and farm just outside. He then bought fifty-four acres and gave to Azel; then bought sixty-five acres in Beaver Township, and seventy acres in Spring; after this gave Murray the sixty-five in Beaver. After selling the old farm in Spring Township, he bought 380 acres in Bedford County, Iowa, sold that and bought 106 acres at Conneaut Center, Crawford County. He helped build the schoolhouses in Spring, Beaver and Conneaut Townships, and Conneautville. He and his brother bought a farm of 100 acres at Summit Station, fifty of timber, and another farm of fifty acres, all in Conneaut Township. His father came to Crawford County about 1835, making his home with him until his death, which occurred about 1862. Mr. Slayton moved into Conneautville in August, 1852, where he has since lived, selling his farm in 1855. He and his wife are members of the Universalist Church. Mr. Slayton bought a farm of fifty-four acres, partly improved, and gave it to his son Azel; also for many years owned 106 acres in Conneaut Township, which he finally sold. He has held several township offices; was Burgess of Conneautville one term. In politics is Republican.

G. H. SLOAN, farmer, P. O. Springboro, was born April 26, 1830, in Steuben County, N. Y., son of Robert H. and Bedora Sloan, the former a farmer, a native of New York State, the latter of Vermont. They came with an ox-team from New York State to this county in 1834, settling in Spring Township. They were the parents of four children, all now living, and were members of the Baptist Church. She died in 1838, he in 1872. He held

most of the township offices, and was a prominent man. The subject of this sketch, who was the third child in the family, was married July 3, 1864, to Hannah A., daughter of Jonathan Sloan, and a native of Erie County, N. Y. Our subject and wife are members of the Baptist Church at Springboro. Mr. Sloan is owner of seventy acres of well-improved farm land, with a dairy in connection. In politics he is an Independent. His father was a soldier of the war of 1812 and his grandfather of the Revolutionary war.

ARCHIBALD SLOAN, farmer, P. O. Springboro, was born on the farm he now owns and lives on in this township, November 2, 1834, son of Robert H. and Bedora Sloan, natives of New York State, and who came to this county about 1834. They were the parents of four children, all now living. They were members of the Baptist Church. Robert H. Sloan was a soldier in the war of 1812. He had held most of the township offices. His wife died in March, 1833, and he followed her May 2, 1869. They were members of the Baptist Church; he a soldier in the war of 1812. He took up fifty acres of land, which he and his sons cleared and improved. Our subject, the youngest child in the family, received such education as the district school afforded. He was married September 10, 1857, to Catharine Fry, born in Conneaut Township, this county, July 3, 1833, daughter of George Fry, also a native of this county, where he now lives. His father moved to Crawford County about 1800, and took up a large tract of land in Conneaut Township, which his sons inherited. Our subject owns the fifty acres on which his father first settled. He has held some of the township offices; in politics is a Democrat.

ISAAC SPERRY, retired farmer, P. O. Hickernell, was born in Woodbridge, New Haven Co., Conn., May 24, 1803, son of Isaac and Mary Sperry, the former a native of the same place, the latter of Catskill, N. Y. Her father was a soldier in the Revolutionary war. There were born to this union twelve children. Isaac is the eleventh child and the only one now living. Two brothers and two sisters moved here in 1817 and began in the woods. Our subject came here on a visit in 1824, and being suited with this county purchased 150 acres of land for $500, returned to his native home and staid one year. He then moved in here with team and wagon, a distance of 600 miles, built him a log-hut, and lived alone one year. He was married in 1826 to Rebekkah Donahaw, a native of Cussewago Township, this county, daughter of John Donahaw, one of the early settlers of this county and a soldier of the war of 1812. Thirteen children were born to this union, six now living, viz.: John, Amos, Sheldon, Zimri, Mary, wife of Jason Davis, of Cussewago, and Rebekkah, wife of Gideon Best, of same place. Mr. and Mrs. Sperry were members of the Baptist Church for many years. Mrs. Sperry died March 17, 1861, aged fifty-six years, and in June of the same year our subject married Mrs. Lydia Cutting, widow of Alonso Cutting, also the widow of Mr. Gaylard, by whom she had two children: Charles A. and Lucy A. (wife of Thomas Scott, of Conneautville). Our subject has by industry, hard work and economy amassed a large amount of property. At one time, for many years, he paid more taxes than any other man in Spring Township. He gave away to his children over 600 acres of land. Mr. Sperry has supported the Republican party for many years, though his first vote was cast for Andrew Jackson. He has all his life been known as a man temperate in all things. Tobacco he never used to any extent.

AMOS K. SPICER, farmer, P. O. Hickernell, is a native of this township, born February 1, 1821, son of Girden W. and Sarah (Keep) Spicer, the former a native of New York State, died December 5, 1872, aged seventy-nine, the latter a native of Massachusetts, died in February, 1859. They came to

Spring Township in 1819. They were the parents of five children, three of whom are now living. Our subject, who is the eldest, had but indifferent school advantages. He was married December 7, 1856, to Paulina Greenlee, sister of L. C. Greenlee (see his biography), born in Crawford County, Penn., January 14, 1833, and daughter of Robert and Anna (Chamberlin) Greenlee, also natives of this county. Her father was a soldier in the war of 1812, and her grandfather Chamberlin, who was an early settler of Crawford County, served in the Revolutionary war. To this union have been born three children: Delphina, William L. and Anna M. Mrs. Spicer is a member of the Baptist Church at Springboro. Our subject is owner of 129 acres of land. In politics is independent.

MATTHEW STILWELL, retired stone-mason, Conneautville, was born February 20, 1820, at Ellisburg, Jefferson Co., N. Y.; son of Alexander M. and Judith (Boomer) Stilwell, the latter a native of Rhode Island. Alexander M., born July 12, 1795, near Gagetown, New Brunswick, was a soldier in the war of 1812. Both he and his wife, who died July 25, 1874, were consistent members of the Baptist Church. Our subject, the second in the family, enlisted July 28, 1838, and served ten years in the United States Army. He was assigned to Company E., Sixth Regiment United States Infantry, and during the Mexican war participated in the battle of Churubusco (where he was severely wounded in the head) and the storming of Chapultepec, and his division was the first to enter the City of Mexico. He served under Gen. Taylor three years, and was honorably discharged June 17, 1848, at Pueblo, Mexico. He receives a pension of $24 per month, for meritorious services. After the war he came to Conneautville and learned the mason's trade with his brother; this has been his principal occupation since, although he also engaged in the grocery business for thirteen years. Mr. Stilwell married, March 11, 1849, Sarah A. Nelson, born in Summit Township, this county, September 12, 1831, daughter of James Nelson and grand-daughter of George Nelson, one of the first settlers, who came here about 1796, and settled on 300 acres of land east of Conneautville. Her grandmother, Jane Sloan, was a mid-wife in early times and rode all over this section of the country on horseback. Three children blessed this union: Livera E., now Mrs. McCallen; James S. and William I. Mr. Stillwell owns a residence in this borough; served as Burgess, but is now leading a retired life. In politics he is Republican. Himself, wife and daughter are members of the Presbyterian Church.

ELON STURTEVANT, farmer, P. O. Springboro, was born in Amherst, Mass., May 19, 1800, son of Timothy and Sarah Sturtevant, who came to this county with seven children in the spring of 1818 They were members of the Christian Church; Timothy Sturtevant was a brick-layer and stone-mason. He died in 1842. Our subject, who is the oldest in the family, was married in 1832 to Almira Bowman, a native of Bridgewater, N. Y. To this union were born three children, one only surviving—Servetus, living with his parents. Mr. Sturtevant was a poor man when he came to Crawford County, but by industry and economy has accumulated a nice property of about 300 acres, one-half of which he cleared himself. He has commenced making a specialty of breeding short horn cattle. In politics our subject is independent; his son is a Republican. When sixteen years of age Mr. Sturtevant made up his mind he would never become a drunkard, and to have a living by his own means to help support the family, till he was twenty-two years old. He hired to Thomas Foster one year for $100, $5 of which was to be paid in cash, the rest in produce. The cash he did not get. Twice our subject chopped an acre of heavy timber for two and a half yards of home-made woolen cloth. Cotton

goods were scarce and dear; common sheeting was 50 cents a yard, and it took a journey of twenty miles to get it, at that. His mother plied the spinning-wheel, and his sisters spun the tow, which when woven made good, serviceable stuff. Girls got from 50 to 75 cents a week for labor. The post office was twenty miles distant, and the postage on a letter 25 cents. Our subject never uses tobacco; has not drank a glass of cider in forty years, and never tastes liquor unless in case of sickness.

RITNER H. STURTEVANT, farmer, P. O. Springboro, was born in this township September 26, 1832; son of Daniel W. and Susan Sturtevant, the former a native of Vermont (brother of Elon Sturtevant, whose sketch appears above), the latter a native of Norwich, Conn. They came with their family in 1818 to this county, where they bought and cleared the farm in Spring Township now owned by F. F. Dewitt. They were parents of five children, all now living. The father died August 20, 1865; his widow resides in Springboro. Our subject, the eldest in the family, received a good common school education, and taught school in his younger days for eight terms. He was twice married, on the first occasion to Adeline A. Kendall, a native of Vermont, who bore him one child—Ida E., now wife of John C. Green. Mrs. Sturtevant dying November 11, 1861, our subject married, October 12, 1862, Lestina Joslin, a native of Erie County, Penn., and daughter of Levi B. and Margaret Joslin. Two children were born to this union: John F., on the New York & Pennsylvania Railroad, and Floy E. Mrs. Sturtevant is an adherent of the Methodist Episcopal Church. He is a member of the I. O. O. F. and A. O. U. W.; in politics is a Republican. He was a member of the State Legislature two terms and previously held almost every office in the township, including that of Justice of the Peace for over five years; was Assistant Assessor of Internal Revenue for the Twentieth District of Pennsylvania, during 1869 and 1870.

JOHN C. STURTEVANT, President First National Bank, Conneautville, was born in Spring Township, this county, February 20, 1835; son of Daniel and Susan Sturtevant, natives of Vermont and Connecticut respectively. Daniel Sturtevant, when twelve years old, came from Herkimer County, N. Y., to this county, with his parents, who drove a team of horses and sleigh. His father, Timothy Sturtevant, was a stone-mason and worked at his trade after coming here. Daniel Sturtevant was an extensive farmer, clearing a large estate and owning at one time over 300 acres. He reared five children; held several township offices; at one time was a member of the Christian Church; died in August, 1865. His widow, now nearly seventy-one years old, resides with her son, John C., who is the second child in the family. After acquiring a good common school education our subject taught school for eight winters, then followed agricultural pursuits until he was thirty-three years of age. During the session of 1861–62 he was Assistant Sergeant-at-Arms; in 1864, Chief Messenger, and in 1865–66, Representative of Crawford County to the Legislature. In July, 1867, he moved to Conneautville, purchased S. G. Krick's interest in the hardware store, entered into partnership with his son, I. S. Krick, and carried on the business until January 1, 1873. In January, 1874, he was appointed Cashier of the First National Bank, and in 1878 President, which position he still holds. He owns a half interest in a grist-mill, doing business under the firm name of Butt & Co., and has now a third interest in the chemical works at this point, engaged in extracting acid from wood. Our subject married, October, 1871, Sarah A. Gleason, a native of this county, and daughter of W. B. Gleason, a merchant at Conneautville. By this union are three children: Parke W., Paul J. and Watkin P. Mrs.

Sturtevant is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church. He belongs to the A. O. U. W.; has been a member of the Masonic fraternity; has served as Burgess, and held several township and municipal offices.

ASA R. STURTEVANT, farmer and stock-raiser, P. O. Springboro, was born June 20, 1850, on the farm he now owns and lives on, in Spring Township, this county; son of Asa and Lavantia Sturtevant, former a native of New York State, latter of this county. They were parents of three children: Caroline L., Mary, and Asa R., the only survivor. Asa Sturtevant came to Crawford County with his parents at an early day. He was a prominent farmer and extensive dealer in live-stock. An earnest temperance man, he did much for that cause in his lifetime and was one of the founders of the Christian Church at Springboro. He died in 1855, his widow following him in 1881. Our subject was married, December 9, 1871, to Cynthia M. Bradley, a native of this township and a grand-daughter of Hiram Bradley, one of the old settlers in this section, still living. To this union were born four children: Jennie E., Frank A., Carroll A. and Forest B. Mr. and Mrs. Sturtevant are members of the Christian Church. Our subject is owner of 250 acres of land, part of which is the old homestead of his grandfather. He deals extensively in imported stock of Holstein cattle and Leicestershire sheep, for which he enjoys a wide reputation. Mr. Sturtevant also takes special interest in all agricultural enterprises. In politics he is a Republican.

ALEXANDER SWANEY, farmer, P. O. Crossingville, was born in Spring Township, this county, January 9, 1839; son of James and Hannah Swaney, former a native of this township, latter of Ireland. James Swaney's father was a native of Ireland and came to this county in 1800; he settled on 400 acres of land in what is now Spring Township. He had a large family, of whom the father of our subject was the eighth child. James Swaney had a family of eight children, all members of the Catholic Church at Crossingville, of which he was one of the founders. He died March 6, 1859, and since then his widow has lived with our subject, who is the oldest son. Alexander Swaney married, in 1868, Mary Laney, a native of this county and daughter of Daniel and Mary Laney, who settled in Crawford County about 1839. Our subject owns 130 acres of land, part of the old homestead. In politics he is a Democrat.

G. W. SWAP, cabinet-maker and undertaker, Springboro, was born in Coeymans, Albany Co., N. Y., November 8, 1840; son of William and Amanda Swap, natives of New York State. Former was born in Westerlo, Albany County, August 20, 1807, and came to Springboro with his family in 1847. Here he carried on a cabinet and undertaking business until his death, which occurred in 1882. His wife died in August, same year. They were members of the Methodist Episcopal Church. Their children were Wesley, born August 12, 1839; George W., our subject; Theron P., born January 22, 1842; Jacob E., born August 12, 1846, and Charles E., born July 11, 1849. Theron P. and Jacob E. were soldiers in the war of the Rebellion; the former was killed at the battle of Gettysburg; the latter, who was in the Eighty-third Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, was twice wounded at the battle of Spottsylvania; was held prisoner about four months, and after serving nearly four years was honorably discharged at close of the war. Mr. Swap has carried on his present business in Springboro ever since the death of his father. His establishment is the only one of its kind in the village and is complete in all its requirements.

FAYETTE A. TEMPLE, banker, Edinboro, Erie Co., Penn., is a native of Spring Township, this county, born December 10, 1824, son of Robert and

Eliza (Allen) Temple, who settled in Meadville, Penn., in 1818, and removed to Spring Township, this county, in 1820, settling on the farm where they now reside, formerly owned by James Parker, the original settler. Alexander Temple, father of Robert, was a native of Scotland, and came to America about 1765, settling in Connecticut. He was a drummer in Gen. Greene's army during the Revolutionary war, and after the war closed married and settled in Galway, Saratoga Co., N. Y., where his son Robert was born. Robert married Eliza, daughter of Hezekiah Allen, of Seneca County, N. Y. They were natives of Massachusetts. To this union were born six children, four now living: Reuben S. B., in Rundeltown; Fayette A.; Julia A.; wife of A. N. Dunham, tanner, also in Rundeltown; and Lydia E., wife of L. Long, Plainwell, Mich. The father is still living at the age of eighty-nine, and the mother at the age of eighty-five. Robert Temple was drummer under Gen. Hugh W. Dobbins, Ripley's Division, in the war of 1812, and was injured by a cannon ball at Fort Erie, for which he has for many years received a pension. The subject of this sketch was married June 13, 1847, to Maria G., daughter of Daniel and Amelia Dunham, of Union City. The issue of this union is one son—Robert B. Mr. Temple began life as a farmer, and was afterward salesman for a New York boot and shoe firm for nineteen years. Since 1877 he has been Cashier of the Edinboro Savings Bank. He is strictly temperate, never having drank a glass of liquor nor used tobacco in any form in his life. He was a resident of Conneautville, this county, thirty-three years, but since June 1883, has resided at Edinboro, Erie Co., Penn.

MRS. CATHARINE C. THOMAS, Springboro, was born in Milford, Pike Co., Penn., November 25, 1810, daughter of Col. John Broadhead, also a native of Pennsylvania. At the age of sixteen she was united in marriage with Elijah Thomas, a native of Vermont and son of Jacob Thomas, who settled in Erie County at an early day. Mrs. Thomas is the mother of ten children, two now living: Frank V., and Laura E., wife of Luther Saulsbury. The great-grandfather of Mrs. Thomas was Gen. Broadhead, who served in the Revolutionary war. He became the possessor of several thousand acres of land in this section after the war. Mr. Thomas owned between 200 and 300 acres of land at the time of his death, which occurred in 1873. Our subject is an earnest Christian and much respected in this locality.

MRS. HARRIET N. THOMAS, of Conneautville, was born in Spring Township, this county, August 17, 1829. Her parents were Isaac and Eliza (Darling) Hurd. They were among the first settlers of this section. Mr. Hurd, who was a soldier in the war of 1812, is still living at the advanced age of ninety-one years. Our subject was married May 24, 1855, at Topeka, Kan., to Samuel J. Thomas (this was the first recorded marriage celebrated in Topeka). Mr. Thomas was the eldest son of Elijah and Catherine C. Thomas, and was born April 4, 1831, in Beaver Township, Crawford County. His early years were spent on the farm. He attended school at Kingsville, Ohio, and afterward Hillsdale College, Michigan, from which college he graduated, and subsequently received the honorary degree of "Master of Arts." He then turned his attention to the study of law, in which profession he became an honored and able practitioner. He was a prominent Mason, was a member of the Presbyterian Church, as are his widow and children. He died February 10, 1871. Mr. and Mrs. Thomas had two children: Mark A. and Minnie Emeline. Mark A. was born at Topeka, Kan., July 4, 1856, and moved to Crawford County, Penn., with his parents in 1857. Having completed the course prescribed at the Union School, Conneautville, he entered the Classical Department at Elder's Ridge Academy,

Indiana County, Penn., from which institution he graduated with the highest honors of his class, being chosen its Valedictorian. At the age of twenty-three years he was elected Justice of the Peace in the borough of Conneautville, which position he retains at this writing. Minnie Emeline was born in Conneautville, January 4, 1863. At a very early age she displayed a most remarkable talent for music. After having received a graduate's diploma from the schools of her native place, she turned her whole attention to the study of the "divine art," and after two years of ceaseless and unremitting labor she graduated with honors from the celebrated New England Conservatory of Music, Boston, Mass. Miss Minnie is at present a very popular teacher of the art she loves so well, and in which her untiring energy has gained for her such remarkable proficiency and enviable skill.

O. O. TICKNOR, farmer and merchant, Conneautville, was born in Broome County, N. Y., May 15, 1824, son of Joshua and Anna Ticknor, natives of New Hampshire. He came to Crawford County in 1857, engaging in the lumber business, with which he is still identified. Is one of the firm of Ticknor & Co., and while the canal was in operation did a heavy lumber trade. In 1858 this firm bought the Forest grist-mill (the first built at Conneautville, now driven by steam and water, having three run of buhrs), which has always done a good business. The firm also carry on a feed and flour store in Conneautville. Our subject married, September, 1852, Ruth B. Litchfield, a native of St. Lawrence County, N. Y., who bore him two children, viz.: Fred L., running a sheep ranch in Texas, and Charles S., station agent for the G. C. & L. F. R. R. at same place. Mrs. Ticknor departed this life in 1880. Mr. Ticknor is President of the O. R. & L. E. R. R. Company. He has always taken deep interest in the public and private enterprises of the village; was Director and one of the prominent movers in establishing the National Bank here; was Postmaster for several years. He is a member of the I. O. O. F. and E. A. U. In politics he is Republican.

NEWTON TRUESDALE, Justice of the Peace and insurance agent, Conneautville, was born near Sharon, Mercer Co., Penn., December 1, 1825, son of Henry and Elizabeth (Hall) Truesdale, natives of Schoharia County, N. Y., and Trumbull County, Ohio, respectively. Henry Truesdale was a son of a soldier in the Revolutionary war; he was a prominent farmer and for one term Sheriff of Mercer County, Penn.; had nine children; he died in 1858. His widow, a sincere Christian and consistent member of the Disciple Church, followed him in 1865. Our subject, the third in the family, received a good common school education and taught school one term; then served three years at the carpenter's and joiner's trade, after which he spent two years in Mississippi and Louisiana, coming to Conneautville in 1849. After carpentering two years he engaged in the drug business until 1868; then for one year traveled in the same line of business. On March 24, 1855, Mr. Truesdale was married to Sarah M. Robinson, a native of Girard, Erie Co., Penn., who bore him one son, George H., now residing at Grand Rapids, Mich. She was a member of the Presbyterian Church, and died in 1863. Mr. Truesdale again married, in 1864, Frances J. Murry, of Narrowsburg, N. Y. Her parents were both natives of same State. By this union were born two children, only one now living—Comodore M. For many years Mr. Truesdale has been identified with the best interests of his borough, in which he owns a residence with office attached. He sustained a loss of $15,000 in 1868 by the burning of two stores with their contents. His wife is a member of the Presbyterian Church. He is a Knight Templar and a member of the I. O. O. F.; has served as Burgess, and in 1860 was elected Justice of the Peace, creditably filling this office

ever since. He is representing some of the prominent Battle, Fire and Life Insurance Companies, among which is the oldest fire insurance company in the world—the Sun, of London. In politics he is Republican.

MRS. REGINA G. TUBBS, Springboro, was born in this township, July 7, 1839, daughter of Robert and Anna (Chamberlin) Greenlee, and sister of J. C. Greenlee (see his biography). Her parents were early settlers in this county. Our subject married, October 5, 1859, W. O. Tubbs, a native of Harrison Township, Potter Co., Penn., born April 1, 1831. To this union were born four children, three now living: Forrest A., Clarence E. and Cora. Mr. Tubbs was an adherent of the Methodist Episcopal Church; a member of the I. O. O. F., A. O. U. W., and R. T. of T.; in politics a Republican. He was a carpenter and pattern maker by trade, a well-skilled workman. For several years he worked as pattern-maker in Meadville, Penn. He died in that city March 11, 1881, and since his death our subject has resided in Springboro, near her former home, among her relatives, and where she can carefully educate her children. She is a member of the Baptist Church.

HENRY SAULSBURY WEST, farmer, P. O. Rundell's, born at Towanda, Bradford Co., Penn., August 25, 1805, was the youngest son of Elijah and Polly (Saulsbury) West. His parents were raised on the Green River in western Massachusetts. His mother's father, Capt. John Saulsbury, served in the Revolutionary war. His father, Elijah, died in 1809, and his mother married Amos Cook. He lived near Towanda till 1822, and spent his time in working on a farm and rafting logs down the Susquehanna River. When eighteen he came to this county, where his elder sisters, Polly (wife of Dr. Nelson Smith, of Hayfield), and Betsey (wife of Daniel Bagley), had preceded him. He remained here a year and then returned to Bradford County, and in the next year returned with the rest of his family, except his elder brother Matthew (afterwards a State Senator in Wisconsin), who was then living in New York. In 1829 Mr. West married Sally Lord, daughter of Timothy and Rhoda (Taylor) Lord, who came from Palmyra, Wayne Co., N. Y., to Cussewago Township, about 1820. Mr. West and his wife have lived on their farm for nearly fifty years. They have had nine children, six now living: Timothy B. and George B., on the old homestead; Henry, Jr., and Mrs. Lucinda Lawrence, in Springboro; Chester, in Summerhill, and Ella M., in Ashtabula County, Ohio. In politics he has been a Republican since the formation of the party; he and his wife are members of the United Brethren Church.

HENRY WEST, JR., carpenter, millwright and farmer, P. O. Springboro, is a native of this township, born January 5, 1836; son of Henry and Sally West, natives of New York, who came to Crawford County in 1822, and are at present residing in the central part of this township, into which they came fifty-five years ago. They were parents of nine children, six now living. Our subject, who is the fourth in the family, was married in September, 1858, to Julia A. Baldwin, a native of Erie County, Penn. To this union were born five children, three now living: Ed B., Austin M. and Orrin R. Mr. and Mrs. West are members of the Christian Church, in which he is a Deacon and Superintendent of Sabbath-school. In addition to his trades, our subject owns and works a farm of eighty acres. He is a Past Grand in the I. O. O. F.; in politics is a Republican.

WILLIS B. WELLS, hotel-keeper and liveryman, Springboro, was born in this township, July 21, 1845; son of Henry and Henrietta Wells, former a native of New York State, latter of Connecticut. They had a family of eight children, six now living. Henry Wells came to this county about 1818. He was a prominent farmer and held several of the township offices. He died in

1856. His widow is now living with her son at the old homestead in Spring Township. Mr. Wells has an excellent farm of seventy-five acres in this township. He has been proprietor of the King House in Springboro since 1881. In connection with this hotel is the only livery stable in the village. In June, 1868, he married Lydia, daughter of Stephen Whitford, an early settler in Beaver Township, this county. This union has been blessed with three children: Lena E., Perla B. and Bessie L. Mr. Wells is a member of the I. O. O. F.; in politics he is a Republican.

W. D. WETMORE, farmer and stock-dealer, P. O. Springboro, was born on the farm he now resides on, in this township, July 21, 1827; son of Samuel and Jerushea Wetmore; the former a native of Oneida County, and the latter of Essex County, N. Y. Samuel Wetmore came to this county in 1818, at the age of twenty-one years, and purchased 150 acres of land, now owned by our subject. He raised a family of two children, both now living. He was a prominent farmer, and dealt quite extensively in stock. Himself and wife were among the founders and prominent members of the Christian Church at Springboro, in which he was a Deacon for many years. Mr. Wetmore died November 1, 1874. His widow followed him January 12, 1881, being eighty-seven years old. Her mother, Olive Donagh, lived with the subject of our sketch, and died at the ripe old age of one hundred and five years and five months. On February 2, 1848, W. D. Wetmore was married to Harriett E., a daughter of Caleb and Nancy Ward, the former a native of Massachusetts, the latter of Rhode Island. They settled in Beaver Township, this county, in 1834. Our subject and wife are consistent members of the Christian Church. He owns a well-improved farm of 162 acres, and is an extensive breeder of Clydesdale horses, Devon cattle and Southdown sheep, and to some extent, graded stock.

WILLIAM WHITMORE, farmer and cooper, P. O. Hickernell, was born in Seneca County, N. Y., May 14, 1817, and is a son of Beriah and Sarah (Decker) Whitmore, the former of whom was a native of Vermont, and died in the spring of 1857, the latter in 1820. Our subject, the eldest in the family, obtained but a meager common school education. His father being a cooper, taught him that trade, which he has followed, in addition to agricultural pursuits, ever since he obtained his majority. He was married when twenty-seven years old, in the spring of 1844, to Polly Hill, a native of New York and sister of Martin Hill (see his biography). She was born April 14, 1823. By this union were four children, three now living: Adelbert, Josephine U. (wife of Nelson Hills) and Rogene R. (wife of Seymour Crane). Our subject and wife are members of the United Brethren Church. He is owner of twenty-five acres of land, and has held several township offices. In politics he is a Republican. Mrs. Whitmore had two brothers serving during the war for the Union, viz.: Beriah Hill, a member of the Twenty-third Ohio Volunteer Infantry, who was in many engagements and served during the whole war; and James Hill, wounded July 2, 1862, at the battle of Gettysburg, from the effects of which he died July 7 following.

HIRAM WILDER, farmer, P. O. Conneautville, is a native of Genesee County, N. Y., born October 22, 1811, and a son of Reuben and Polly (Herring) Wilder, natives of Vermont and parents of eleven children, eight now living. The family were reared in Kingsville, Ohio. The mother died in 1854; the father, who was a farmer and a soldier of the war of 1812, died in 1857. His father was a Revolutionary soldier. They were members of the Christian Church. Our subject, who was third in the family, was married, in 1837, to Jane Doty, a native of Westfield, N. Y., who bore him four children, three now

living: Emma, (wife of Hiram Vetes), Mary L. (wife of O. H. Brown), and Ordell H., who served three years during the war of the Rebellion in the Eighty-third Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, and was wounded in the right hand. Mrs. Wilder dying June 10, 1881, our subject married, February 8, 1882, Mrs. Harriet Orr, widow of Miles C. Orr, by whom she had two children: Irvine and Chester. Our subject and wife are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church. He is owner of thirty-six acres of improved land. He came to this county from Ashtabula County, Ohio, with his wife and two children in 1842, settling first in Conneaut Township, where he purchased a farm of 116 acres that was settled in 1800.

FREDERICK WILLIAMS, farmer, P. O. Springboro, was born in Warren, Litchfield Co., Conn., February 10, 1806; son of Thorp and Clarissa P. Williams. Our subject came to this county with his wife and three children in 1836, settling first in Beaver Township, where he bought several hundred acres of woodland. In 1838 he moved to Springboro and embarked in the mercantile business. He sold the store out in 1840 and bought the farm he now lives on near Spring Station. He raised a family of four children, two boys now living: James, residing in Beaver Township, married, and Ira, in Hardin County, Ohio, where he owns a large farm; he is also married; he was a soldier during the war of the Rebellion. Cyrus, a brother of our subject, was at one time Engineer-in-Chief on the Cleveland, Columbus & Cincinnati Railroad. Our subject's wife died April 1, 1882, deeply lamented. Her chief aim in life was to do good to her fellow creatures, with a mind untrammeled by creeds or superstitions. Mr. Williams is very liberal in his religious belief, and is an extensive reader. Is a member of the I. O. O. F. He is owner of 180 acres of valuable land.

MRS. MARGARET. J. WORMALD, Conneautville, was born in Venango County, Penn., February 12, 1829, daughter of John and Mary Conner, the former a native of Scotland, the latter of Pennsylvania. She was married, February 20, 1849, to John Wormald, born in England, May 6, 1821. When he was nine years old he came to America with his father, W. E. Wormald. Both followed same trade (carding and cloth dressing). He came to Conneautville about 1846 and started a grocery store, but his health failed and he returned to Venango County, Penn. After his marriage, however, he came back here and, together with his father, brother, and William Crider, purchased the woolen mills, put in expensive machinery and did an extensive business until 1878. At the time of his death, which occurred in the latter year, he was President and Director of and principal stockholder in the First National Bank, and a large stockholder in the chemical works here, and stockholder in the Keystone Tanning Company of Springboro, Penn. Mr. Wormald was a Christian man, an adherent of the Methodist Episcopal Church, of which his widow is a consistent member. He donated the ground on which the church is built and gave liberally to its support. Mr. and Mrs. Wormald adopted the daughter of his only sister and reared and educated her as their own child. She is now residing with our subject in her beautiful residence on the old homestead.

HORATIO N. YOUNG, retired cabinet-maker, Conneautville, was born August 27, 1808, in Saratoga County, N. Y.; son of Nicholas and Elizabeth (Ostrander) Young, both natives of that county. Nicholas Young, a soldier of the Revolutionary war, commenced life for himself as carpenter and joiner, but afterward followed agricultural pursuits. Both he and his wife, who died in 1848, were members of the Methodist Episcopal Church. They were parents of twelve children, two now living. Our subject, the seventh born in this family, is a self-made man. Acquiring his education without an instructor,

he taught school for seventeen years. He then learned cabinet-making. He came to Crawford County in the fall of 1838, settling in Conneautville in 1841, and successfully engaged in the cabinet-making business till June 1, 1874, when his shop, tools and entire stock were consumed by fire. Mr. Young was married in 1833 to Calisty Hard, who died in 1835. He then married, in 1841, Mary M. Hawks, born April 22, 1816, in Lincolnshire, England. By this union were eight children, five now living: William H.; Mary C., wife of I. Leet; Alice A., wife of F. H. Walker; Helen, and C. Frank, a machinist and draughtsman in the employ of the Dayton Screw Company. He is a promising young mechanical genius. One son, George W., enlisted in 1861, in the Second Pennsylvania Cavalry, serving in the Army of the Potomac. He was twice taken prisoner, and finally starved to death at Andersonville. Mrs. Young, who has been an invalid for about two years, is a consistent member of the Methodist Episcopal Church. Our subject is a well-informed man of a literary turn of mind, and has given good educational advantages to his children. In politics he was formerly a Jeffersonian Democrat, but now votes with the Republican party. He has strong temperance principles.

SUMMERHILL TOWNSHIP.

MINOR T. CARR (deceased) was born June 17, 1802, in Tompkins County, N. Y., son of Job and Mehitabel (Cash) Carr, parents of five boys and two girls. Their sons John and Daniel were soldiers in the war of 1812. Our subject married, October 20, 1830, Miss Sarah Houtz, a native of Lansing, N. Y., born October 9, 1806. They moved to Crawford County in 1836, settling first in Conneaut Township, but afterward in Summerhill Township, where Mr. Carr purchased the farm their daughters are now living on. They were parents of six children, four now living, viz.: Anthony H.; Emma; Adelia, wife of Dr. A. T. Clark, of Greenville, Penn.; Sarah A., widow of Andres C. Sterling, whose grandfather was a brother of Washington Sterling. Mr. and Mrs. Sterling were parents of two children: Wayne C. and Anna A. Mr. Sterling was a member of Company H, Fifteenth Illinois Volunteer Infantry, and died of disease contracted while in the service, February 25, 1873. His widow lives with her sister Emma, on the old homestead of our subject. Minor T. Carr was a carpenter and joiner by trade, which he worked at in the early part of his life, but after moving to Summerhill Township, he engaged in farming. He died, July 21, 1880, his wife having preceded him June 22, 1870. They were both Christian people and consistent members of the Baptist Church. Their daughter Miss Emma is a graduate of Edinboro (Erie County, Penn.) Normal School, and a teacher of considerable experience. She is a member of the Presbyterian Church at Conneautville, this county.

H. H. DAVENPORT, farmer, P. O. Dicksonburg, was born in Tompkins County, N. Y., March 18, 1821, son of Solomon and Nancy (Van Order) Davenport and brother of J. A. Davenport, whose sketch appears below. Our subject, who is fourth in the family, received a partial academic education, and taught school about five terms in his younger days; afterward engaged in boat building and repairing, along the line of the Erie Extension Canal, which business he followed for about twenty years; also worked at the carpenter's and joiner's trade. He was married in 1847, to Betsy McDowell, a native of Sum-

merhill Township, this county, born in 1828, and daughter of George McDowell, whose father, John, was a brother of the father of Samuel S. McDowell. Three children were the result of this union: George F., an attorney at law in Meadville and ex-District Attorney; James L., an extensive farmer in Summit Township, and Miss Lida A. Our subject and wife are members of the R. T. of T. He is owner of 150 acres of well-improved land, part of which is his father's old homestead. In politics he is Republican.

JOHN A. DAVENPORT, farmer, P. O. Dicksonburg, was born in Tompkins County, N. Y., December 8, 1827; son of Solomon and Nancy (Van Corder) Davenport, former a native of Tompkins County, N. Y., latter of New Jersey. They were parents of twelve children; members of the Methodist Episcopal Church. Solomon Davenport, who was a farmer, settled in Summerhill Township, this county, October 22, 1833, on 200 acres of land, very little of which was then cleared, but by hard work he soon subdued it to cultivation. He held a life membership in the Foreign Missionary Society. He died November 2, 1870, aged seventy-five years, and his widow followed him August 28, 1883, aged ninety. Our subject, who was seventh in the family, received a common school education and was brought up a farmer. He was married in 1851 to Miss Mary P. McDowell, a native of this township, born October 20, 1830, daughter of Alexander and Julia A. McDowell, whose biography appears elsewhere, and to this union were born four children, three of whom are now living: William A., Etta A. (wife of George Parkison) and Lina C. (wife of Joseph Cole). Mr. and Mrs. Davenport are members of the R. T. of T. He is owner of 150 acres of well-improved land, part of which is his father's old homestead. He has held several township offices; in politics he is a Republican. Of our subject's brothers and sisters, Leonard M. was a soldier during the war of the Rebellion in the Second Ohio Cavalry, and died October 1862, in camp at Fort Scott, Kan., of disease contracted in the service; James V. died in Solano County, Cal., June 25, 1869; following died in LaSalle County, Ill.: Lucy J. (wife of W. L. F. Jones), February 16, 1858, Julia A. (wife of Edwin Jones), April 13, 1863, and Alfred W., December 12, 1854; Alice A., the eldest daughter (wife of Robert G. Henry), died March 24, 1877.

JOHN DEARBORN, farmer, P. O. Norrisville, was born on the farm he now owns and lives on in Summerhill Township, this county, March 23, 1803; son of John and Hannah (Surena) Dearborn, former a native of New Hampshire, latter of Westmoreland County, Penn. They came to Crawford County in 1801, and are parents of ten children, of whom three only are now living. Were members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, in which he took a special interest. John Dearborn, Sr., was a shoe-maker by trade, at which he worked in his younger days; was owner, at one time, of 400 acres of land. He gave his children as good an education as the country afforded. Our subject, who is fourth in the family, married, in 1831, Miss Catharine Cease, a native of Hayfield Township, this county, and daughter of Rudolph Cease, one of the very early settlers of western Crawford, having come in 1809. This union has been blessed with four children, three now living: Harriet M. (wife of A. Wood), Margaret E. (wife of B. Sunderlin), Nancy N. (wife of C. J. Nisley). Our subject, wife and all the daughters are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church. Mr. and Mrs. Dearborn have lived together on the same farm for over fifty-three years. He is owner of fifty acres of land, part of which is his father's old homestead. Has held several township offices; in politics has been a Republican since the formation of the party; formerly a Democrat.

CALEB R. FETTERMAN, farmer, P. O. Conneautville, was born on the

farm he now owns and lives on in Summerhill Township, this county, November 3, 1828; son of James and Savina (Rhodes) Fetterman, former a native of Juniata County, latter of Mercer County, Penn. James Fetterman came to Crawford County in 1788, at the age of eighteen years. He was a surveyor by occupation; was owner, at one time, of 1,200 acres of land, and he and his sons cleared up the greater part of the farm our subject now lives on. He was a man of prominence and good education. He built and operated a distillery on the farm now owned by our subject, and was engaged in that business when the "Whiskey Rebellion" broke out in Pennsylvania. He died March 14, 1836, and his widow followed him in 1871. They were parents of four children, all now living, of whom our subject is second. He had a common school education and when only eight years old was thrown on his own resources. He was twice married; on first occasion in 1852, to Miss Mary C. Falkenburg, a native of this county, and daughter of John Falkenburg, an old settler of this county. Two children were born to this union: Morgan L., married April 6, 1884, to Minnie A., daughter of John Holman, of Conneaut Township; and Lenora A., wife of Ira Allen. Mrs. Fetterman died in 1856, and our subject then married her cousin, Miss Angeline Falkenburg, also a native of Crawford County. The result of this union has been six children, five now living: Mary, Henry S., Estelle, Harry, and Allie. Our subject owns ninety acres of well-improved land, his father's old homestead. He has held several township offices; in politics is a Republican.

ALBERT FISH, farmer, P. O. Conneautville, was born in Rensselaerville, N. Y., April 12, 1810; son of Joseph and Deborah (Dean) Fish, the former a native of Rhode Island, the latter of New York. They came to Crawford County February 22, 1816, with our subject's father, who had visited this section some time previous on horseback. He was a Quaker. His father was a native of England and an old sea captain, who visited our subject at his house when over ninety years old. Joseph Fish was a carpenter and joiner by trade, but after coming to this county he followed farming, having taken up 700 acres of land, most of which he and his sons cleared. The family numbered ten children, six now living. After being in this county several years the parents joined the Methodist Church, although they were instrumental in organizing a Quaker society in Conneaut Township on first arrival. Joseph died in 1859; his widow followed him in 1868. Our subject, who is fourth in the family, received his education by the fireside at home, at night, having to work hard in the daytime. He learned the trades of carpenter and joiner and millwright, at which he worked till 1853, when he commenced farming. In 1833 Mr. Fish married Miss Margaret Bagley, a native of Greene County, N. Y., daughter of Daniel and Elizabeth Bagley, who came to Crawford County in 1817. Six children were born to this union, all now living and have families. Their names are Prudence (wife of Alpheus Coburn), Olive J. (wife of F. W. Elsworth), Adelia and Fidelia (twins, the former the wife of L. R. Klumph, the latter the wife of C. H. Coburn); Emeline E. (wife of Thomas Roddy), and Ed B. Mrs. Fish was a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church. She died October 13, 1883, having lived with her husband over half a century. Our subject is owner of 102 acres of improved land, on which he has resided over fifty-one years. He has held all the township offices; was Justice of the Peace one term. In politics he is a Republican with strong temperance proclivities, having been a member of many temperance societies, of which he assisted in organizing not a few.

THOMAS T. HALL, farmer, P. O. Harmonsburg, was born in Chester County, Penn., September 3, 1813, son of Thomas and Phœbe (Mode) Hall,

also natives of Chester County, parents of five children, three now living. They were members of the Society of Friends or Quakers. Thomas Hall, Sr., was a farmer all his days. He died in 1859; his widow in 1875. Our subject, who is third in the family, received a good common school education. He came to Crawford County in 1848 and purchased 360 acres of woodland in the southern part of Summerhill Township, and of this tract of land he was instrumental in clearing one-third. He married, September 12, 1854, Miss Rosannah B. Smith, a native of Summit Township, this county, and daughter of Daniel Smith, a son of John Smith, who was one of the very earliest settlers of Crawford County west of French Creek. Four children were born to this union, three now living: Flora D., L. Mabel and Sarah A. Mrs. Hall is a member of the Presbyterian Church. Our subject now owns fifty acres of well-improved land, part of what he first settled on. He built a steam saw-mill in this county, and this he operated about ten years, when it burned down, entailing a loss to Mr. Hall of $1,000. He read medicine two years, and attended one course of lectures at Philadelphia. He has a decided literary turn of mind, and has been a great reader on scientific subjects. In politics he was in his younger days an old line Whig, but since the war of the Rebellion has been an adherent of the Anti-Monopoly party, and is a strong advocate of temperance.

M. T. JENKINS, farmer, P. O. Norrisville, was born in Centre County, Penn., October 23, 1816, son of John and Mary (McDonald) Jenkins; former a native of Chester County, latter of Huntingdon County, Penn. They came to Crawford County about 1826, and were parents of two children, of whom M. T. is the eldest and the only survivor of the family. John Jenkins, who was a farmer all his days, died June 15, 1879. His father was a soldier in the Revolutionary war, and was present at the battle of Brandywine. Mrs. Jenkins, who was a member of the Presbyterian Church, died in 1863. Our subject was married, January 11, 1838, to Miss Clarinda S. Randall, a native of Oswego County, N. Y., born May 29, 1821. Her father came to Crawford County in 1836. He was a soldier in the war of 1812 and was in the engagement at Sackett's Harbor. He and his wife were members of the Free-Will Baptist Church. To Mr. and Mrs. M. T. Jenkins have been born seven children, five now living, viz.: John P., David S., Mary J., wife of Thomas Morrow; Eliza C., wife of James Foust, and George M. Our subject is owner of 100 acres of excellent land, which he cleared and converted into a fine farm from a mere wilderness. He has held several township offices. In politics he is a Democrat.

JAMES J. JOLLY, farmer, and general canal agent, P. O. Conneautville, was born in Ireland, December 24, 1832, son of James and Magdalen Jolly, former of whom had been a soldier in the British Army twenty-six years, fifteen of which he served as Lieutenant, the highest rank that could be reached in those days by merit, anything higher being obtainable by purchase. He fought at the battle of Alexandria, Egypt, March 21, 1801, and at Waterloo, June 18, 1815. Our subject has a watch which this gallant old soldier captured in the first-named battle. James and Magdalen Jolly were parents of six children. He died in 1877, aged ninety-two years, and his widow, February 11, 1884, aged eighty three. Our subject, who is eldest in the family, received a good common school education; he immigrated to America in 1852, and commenced work as a laborer on a farm and in a saw-mill. He married in 1857, Miss Eliza J. McDowell, a native of Summerhill Township, this county, born April 30, 1839. To this union were born four children: Elsie A., wife of John Ellis; Lizzie, wife of C. W. Belknap; J. Irvin and

Tina C. Mr. Jolly came from his mother country penniless, and has now, by hard work and industry, accumulated a considerable amount of this world's goods, owning fifty acres of well-improved land and much other property. He has held the office of canal agent since 1872; has been County Sealer four years; Supervisor two terms, and has held all the township offices. He is Grand Knight of the A. O. U. W.; in politics he is a strong Republican.

DORR KLUMPH, farmer, P. O. Conneautville, was born in Otsego County, N. Y., May 20, 1847, son of Lester R. and Laura A. (Slayton) Klumph, natives of Springfield, N. Y., parents of three children. They came to Crawford County in 1851. Lester R. Klumph was a blacksmith, a trade he worked at in his younger days. He carried on a shop in Conneautville for six years. He was a Colonel in the State militia; a Justice of the Peace at one time, and has held several township offices; a member of the Universalist Church. He died January 2, 1883. His widow, also a member of the Universalist Church, is now living with our subject on the old homestead; she is a sister of G. W. Slayton. Our subject, who is second in the family, was educated at Conneautville. He was married, in 1876, to Miss Lilian Pettis, a native of Lyons, N. Y. One daughter was born to this union—Mary A. Mr. Klumph lives on the old homestead of ninety-five acres, located east of Conneautville corporation, one of the first settled farms in Crawford County, and on which Mr. Klumph erected a fine residence in 1862, making it, with other improvements, one of the finest farms in western Crawford. In politics he is a Democrat. Our subject's father was President of Crawford County Agricultural Society for several terms. He was a F. & A. M., and a member of the I. O. O. F.

HOMER J. LANE, farmer, and Justice of the Peace, P. O. Conneautville, was born in Braceville Township, Trumbull Co., Ohio, February 25, 1825, son of Erastus and Mabel (Hines) Lane, natives of Hartford, Conn., parents of eleven children, eight now living. Erastus Lane was an extensive farmer. He died in 1869 and his widow followed him in 1880. Our subject, who is the sixth child, received a common school education, and early in life engaged in mercantile pursuits. He came to Crawford County in 1851 and commenced clerking in Conneautville for G. C. Boynton. He married in 1854, Miss Henrietta Van Liew, a native of New York and daughter of Cornelius Van Liew, one of the early landlords of the Power House. One daughter was born to this union—Emma B., wife of John Filer. Mrs. Lane died in 1856, and our subject then married, in 1858, Miss Sarah J. Van Liew, a sister of his first wife. To this union were born four children, viz.: Cora D., Etta M., Lottie B. and Ada M. Mr. Lane is owner of 100 acres of improved land; was a Sergeant during the war of the Rebellion in the Fifty-sixth Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, stationed at New Creek, and served with the Army of the Potomac. He served in all three months, and was honorably discharged. He is a member of the G. A. R.; was five years a Justice of the Peace at Conneautville, and is now a Justice of the Peace of Summerhill Township. In politics he is a Republican.

FREEDOM LORD, farmer, P. O. Conneautville, was born in Saratoga County, N. Y., March 2, 1816, son of Freedom and Eunice (Prichard) Lord, natives of Connecticut, who came to Crawford County in 1830. They were parents of eight children, two only now living. Freedom Lord, Sr., was an invalid, and during the war of 1812 enlisted in an invalid company, performing home duty. He was a blacksmith by trade, and had a shop on his farm. He took up 100 acres of land which he and his sons cleared and improved. He held some township offices; was Master of a Masonic Lodge many years. He died in October, 1862. His father was a soldier in the Revolutionary war.

Mrs. Lord died in March, 1864. Our subject, who is the youngest in the family, received a good common school education, all through his own efforts, and taught school four terms. He married, in 1842, Miss Elizabeth Beatty, a native of Perry County, Penn., and daughter of James Beatty, who came to Crawford County in the fall of 1826. He was a soldier in the war of 1812; represented his county in the Legislature one term, and was a very prominent man. To this union were born seven children, five now living: Eleanor L., wife of Miron Ransom; George B., who taught school eleven years; Francis L., a clerk in Conneautville; S. Grace, wife of J. D. Howard; and Ida M. Mr. Lord is a member of the Universalist Church, his wife of the Presbyterian. Our subject is owner of fifty-five acres improved land, his father's old homestead. Has held several township offices. In politics is a Democrat.

J. B. McDOWELL, miller, merchant, farmer and Postmaster, Dicksonburg, was born in Summerhill Township, this county, January 31, 1821, son of Alexander McDowell. He is the eldest child in the family, and received only a limited education. In 1846 he married Miss Betsey E. Smith, a native of Hayfield Township, and daughter of Rev. Nelson Smith, a very early settler in his section, and a minister in the Methodist Episcopal Church. Three children have blessed this union: Ensign P., Mary A., wife of Edwin Thackeray; and Corrie M., wife of E. J. McCracken. Our subject, wife and family, are all members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and he and his wife are members of the R. T. of T. In 1861 Mr. McDowell purchased the water-power grist-mill and other property at Dicksonburg, and has since engaged in the milling business. The mill has two run of four-feet buhrs; does both custom and merchant's work, and is kept continually running. He was appointed Postmaster at Dicksonburg in January, 1873, where he has had a store, well stocked with general merchandise, since 1878, and has been doing an excellent business. He also deals in phosphates. He is owner of thirty-five acres of improved land. Held the office of Supervisor during the war for six consecutive years; has filled several township offices; in politics is a Republican.

BRADFORD B. McDOWELL, farmer, and dealer in agricultural implements, P. O. Dicksonburg, was born on the farm he now owns and lives on in Summerhill Township, this county, December 13, 1845, son of John and Eliza (Stanley) McDowell, former a native of this township, latter of Granville, N. Y. They were parents of four children, and are both now living. John McDowell was a farmer during the greater part of his life; he has held several township offices; in politics is a Republican. The grandfather of our subject went to New Orleans from Pittsburgh, Penn., when a young man, on a raft. He was a soldier in the war of 1812; was a witness against Aaron Burr when he was indicted for treason at Philadelphia. He and his brother George were hired by Burr to take rafts down the Ohio. George died near New Orleans. Our subject, who is second in the family, taught school during his younger days. He married, in 1871, Miss Thirza H. Spencer, a native of Ohio, and daughter of John Spencer. To this union were born three children: Ethel A., Spencer J. and Lynn B. Mrs. McDowell is a member of the Presbyterian Church. Our subject is owner of 129 acres of well-improved land, and he makes a specialty in connection with his farm of breeding Southdown sheep, of which he has a fine flock. He and his father have been engaged in the sale of agricultural implements very extensively for some years, and have met with much success, the "Champion Reaper and Mower" being one of his specialties. In politics Mr. McDowell is a Republican.

CHARLES B. McDOWELL, farmer and surveyor, P. O. Dicksonburg, was born on the farm he now owns and lives on in Summerhill Township, this county, June 2, 1849; son of George and Anna (Bagley) McDowell, who were

parents of five children. George McDowell was a native of Summerhill Township, son of John McDowell, a soldier in the war of 1812, and a brother of the father of Samuel S. McDowell. George settled on the farm of eighty acres on which our subject now lives, and this he cleared. He died August 24, 1869. His widow is now living on the old homestead with her son, Charles B., having attained the ripe old age of seventy-seven years. She is a sister of Albert Fish's wife. Our subject, who is the youngest child in the family, received a partial academic education, and taught school two terms in an early day. He was married April 10, 1873, to Miss Frances D. Rockwell, a native of Spring Township, this county, and daughter of Orin Rockwell, an early settler of Spring Township. Four children were born to this union, viz.: George R., Ada S., Charles O. and Bessie L. Mrs. McDowell is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church. Her parents reared a family of five children: Henry A., Emeline P., Sarah D., John B. and Frances D., all now deceased except Sarah D. and Frances D. Henry A. and John B. both died from effects of disease contracted in the army. Emeline P. and Sarah D. were experienced school teachers in this section. George M. McDowell, now living, our subject's brother, was a soldier in Company K, One Hundred and Fiftieth Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry; served three years and was honorably discharged at the close of the war. His company acted as body-guard to President Lincoln. Mr. McDowell has always engaged in farming, and for the last three years has acted as land surveyor through his section. He also takes special interest in the culture of bees.

WILLIAM McKAY, farmer, P. O. Conneautville, was born on the farm he now owns and lives on, in Summerhill Township, this county, February 11, 1825; son of Robert and Mary (Gardner) McKay, natives of Westmoreland County, Penn., parents of eight children, six now living. They were consistent members of the old Seceder Church, in which Mr. McKay took special interest. Robert McKay, who had been a Captain in the war of 1812, stationed at Erie, took up 200 acres of land where our subject now lives, and this he and his sons cleared and improved. He was a farmer all his days; held several township offices. He died in 1857, aged over eighty-one years. His father was a Revolutionary soldier and they came together to Crawford County in 1797. Mrs. Robert McKay died in 1863 at the age of eighty years. Our subject, who is the seventh in the family, plied his trade of carpenter and joiner a considerable portion of his life in addition to working on the farm. He owns over ninety acres of well-improved land, part of his father's old homestead. He married, in 1848, Miss Eliza Montgomery, a native of Allegheny County, Penn., who bore him six children, four now living: Eugene, Ida J., Harley R. and Malcolm W., all of whom have received a good education. Two of the sons taught school to some extent. Mr. and Mrs. McKay are members of the United Presbyterian Church. He has held several township offices. In politics he is a Democrat.

H. M. PROCTOR, farmer, P. O. Dicksonburg, was born on the farm he now owns and lives on, in Summerhill Township, this county, October 3, 1843, son of Thomas and Anna (DePue) Proctor, also natives of Summerhill Township, parents of six children; members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and true, Christian people. Thomas Proctor, whose father was among the very first settlers of western Crawford, was a Justice of the Peace many years, and held all the township offices. He was the first Postmaster in Summerhill Township, and had the postoffice on the farm our subject now owns. He kept store for several years in Dicksonburg, in addition to working his farm, and he cleared a great deal of land. He died in 1865, his widow in

1867. Our subject is third in the family now living. He married, in January, 1871, Miss Emma McCray, a native of Harmonsburg, this county, and daughter of John McCray, whose father was a soldier in the war of 1812, and one of the earliest settlers in the neighborhood of Harmonsburg. John McCray taught school in this section in an early day. He and his wife were members of the Methodist Episcopal Church. She died in 1883, and Mr. McCray is now living with his son, Hiram, at Spring, this county. To Mr. and Mrs. Proctor have been born three children: Roy M., Guy H., and Paul. Mrs. Proctor is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church. He is owner of 107 acres of well-improved land, his father's old homestead. He has held some of the township offices. In politics is a Democrat.

RICHARD H. P. PROCTOR, farmer, proprietor of livery stable and hack line, P. O. Dicksonburg, was born on the farm he now owns and lives on, in Summerhill Township, this county, November 3, 1847, son of Richard D. and Elizabeth (DePue) Proctor, natives also of this township; parents of five children, three now living; members of the Methodist Episcopal Church; both now living. Richard D. Proctor is a brother of the father, and Mrs. Proctor a sister of the mother of H. M. Proctor, whose biography appears above. He is a blacksmith, a trade he worked at in Dicksonburg for over forty years, and in his younger days on the Erie Canal. Our subject, who is fourth in the family, has always engaged in farming. He married, August 3, 1875, Miss Ray C. Brown, a native of Canfield, Ohio, and daughter of Rev. G. H. Brown. The result of this union has been one son—George B. Mrs. Proctor is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church. Our subject owns a half-interest in eighty acres of excellent land, his father's old homestead. He also owns and runs the daily hack line between Conneautville and Meadville, and is about embarking in a first-class livery business at Conneautville, Penn. In politics Mr. Proctor is a Democrat.

DAVID SEBAUGH, farmer, P. O. Norrisville, was born in Summerhill Township, this county, September 22, 1821, son of George and Sarah (Wingard) Sebaugh, natives of Lancaster County, Penn., who came to Crawford County in 1820, parents of five children, two now living. George Sebaugh, who had been a farmer all his life, died in August, 1873, his wife in August, 1862. She was a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church. Our subject, who is third in the family, received a common school education. He married, December, 1843, Miss Betsy Vredenburg, a native of New York State, and a sister of Edmund Vredenburg (see his biography). Seven children were born to this union, five now living: Mary D., wife of D. Inglis; Emma A., wife of C. Merrit; John W., married to a daughter of A. A. Wood (have one son, Bruce W.); Lorenzo D., a farmer in Summerhill Township, married to Julia McMillan, and Edmund B. Mr. Sebaugh enlisted February 8, 1864, in Company I, Second Pennsylvania Cavalry, and served in the Army of the Potomac under Gen. Sheridan, until the close of the war. He participated in the battles of the Wilderness, Cold Harbor, Spottsylvania Court House, in front of Richmond, Weldon Railroad, was all through the siege of Petersburg, besides being in many other minor engagements, and finally at Lee's surrender. He was injured by a rifle ball, in front of Richmond, from which he has never recovered; was honorably discharged at the close of the war, and returned home, where he has since followed farming. Our subject and his wife are members of the United Brethren Church. In politics he is a Republican.

M. D. SHAW, farmer and stock-raiser, P. O. Centre Road Station, was born in Dutchess County, N. Y., May 6, 1811; son of Moses and Lucy A. (Cross) Shaw, also natives of Dutchess County. They were members of the Baptist

Church; parents of eleven children, five of whom are now living. Moses Shaw, who was a farmer, died in 1856, and his widow in 1864. Our subject, who is the fifth child in the family, was married in 1832, to Julia A. Miller, a native of Orange County, N. Y. He came to Crawford County same year and settled on sixty-eight acres of woodland in Summerhill Township in 1836, which he cleared up as well as several other farms in the vicinity. To Mr. and Mrs. Shaw were born eleven children, ten now living, viz.: Lucy J., wife of Levi Walton; Moses M.; Mary C., wife of Chester Walton; William M.; Harriet M., wife of Andrew Walton; Filena, wife of Seth S. Dorchester; Louisa, wife of Simon Nichols; Rachel A., wife of George Stevens; Carrie M., wife of S. Miller, and John C. The families all reside within a few miles of their parents. Their son, Thomas Johnson, was a soldier during the war of the Rebellion, in the One Hundred and Forty-fifth Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, and died of disease contracted in the service, April 4, 1862. Our subject, wife and children are members of the Evangelical Church, which is situated on one corner of his land. Mr. Shaw donated the ground and was mainly instrumental in building the church. He is the owner of 160 acres of well-improved land, and is making a specialty of raising a pure breed of Holstein cattle; he has given much land to his children. Our subject has held several township offices; in politics is a Republican. This worthy old pioneer has about forty grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

WILLIAM M. SHAW, farmer and breeder of Durham cattle, P. O. Dicksonburg, was born in Summerhill Towsnhip, this county, March 7, 1842; son of M. D. Shaw, whose biography appears above. He received a good common school education. During the war of the Rebellion he enlisted, on first occasion, in the three months' service and was stationed during that period at New Creek, Va., and then returned home. In the spring of 1864 our subject again enlisted, this time in the Second Pennsylvania Cavalry, attached to the Army of the Potomac. He participated in the campaign of the Wilderness, and was in several minor engagements. During the service he contracted diseases from which he has never thoroughly recovered; was honorably discharged after the close of the war, June 12, 1865. He married, in the spring of 1866, Miss Alinda E. Frey, a native of Conneaut Township, this county, and daughter of Jacob Frey, one of the very early settlers of Crawford County. Mr. and Mrs. Shaw have no children of their own, but have adopted an orphan boy who is named Frank Ross Shaw. He was born in Long Island. Our subject and wife are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church and of the R. T. of T. He is owner of 110 acres of well-improved land, and is making a specialty of breeding and raising Durham cattle. In politics Mr. Shaw is a Republican.

GILMAN STANLEY, farmer and carpenter, P. O. Conneautville, was born in Granville, N. Y., February 26, 1826; son of Abner and Betsy (Jones) Stanley, who came to Crawford County in March, 1838. They were parents of six children, three now living; were members of the Methodist Episcopal Church. Abner Stanley, who was a farmer, died in 1840, his widow in 1848. Our subject, who is the fifth in the family, learned when young the trade of carpenter and joiner. He married, November 28, 1850, Miss Matilda McDowell, a native of Summerhill Township, this county, and a daughter of James McDowell, a Captain in the war of 1812, and brother of the father of Samuel S. McDowell. Her mother, Mrs. Jane (Johnson) McDowell, was a native of Ireland and sister of the father of A. Johnson. Five children were the result of this union, viz.: Laura J., wife of J. W. Fish; James C.; Harry E.; Herman G. and Frank C. Mr. Stanley is owner of forty acres of well-improved land, and, although a sound practical farmer, has worked the better part of his life at his trade. He

has held several township offices. In politics he was formerly Republican, is now independent.

WILLIAM C. STERLING, farmer, P. O. Dicksonburg, was born on the farm he now owns and lives on, in Summerhill Township, this county, March 16, 1840; son of Washington and Solama (Englehaupt) Sterling, both born near Philadelphia, Penn., parents of eight children, six now living; members of the Presbyterian Church. Washington Sterling, was of Scotch-Irish descent, a soldier in the war of 1812. He came to Crawford County in 1796, and took up 400 acres of land, most of which he cleared. He was very liberal in church matters, and a man of sound integrity. He died in 1861; his widow November 19, 1881. Their son Hiram was a soldier during the Rebellion, in the One Hundred and Thirty-Seventh Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, and died from disease in hospital, February 7, 1863. Our subject, who is the sixth in the family, received a good, common school education, and taught school one term. He married, June 9, 1863, Miss Sylvia Holman, a native of Chautauqua County, N. Y., and daughter of Benjamin F. Holman, a brother of John G. Holman's father. Mr. Sterling is owner of 101 acres of land, part of his father's old homestead; he has held several of the township offices, and was the Census Enumerator in 1880; is a member of the A. O. U. W. and Royal Arcanum; in politics he is a Republican. The first schoolhouse built in Summerhill Township was located on the farm our subject now owns. The mother of Mr. Sterling was of German descent. Her father was one of the Hessian soldiers sent over by the British to America during the Revolutionary war, but he deserted and joined the American forces, with whom he served five years, three of which as one of Gen. Washington's body guard.

EDMUND VREDENBURG, farmer, P. O. Norrisville, was born in Schoharie County, N. Y., October 12, 1823; son of John and Phœbe (Morehouse) Vredenburg, natives of New York State, who came to Crawford County in 1831, settling in Hayfield Township; were parents of four children, both members of the Methodist Episcopal Church. John Vrendenburg purchased 100 acres of land in Hayfield Township, and this he cleared and improved; was a farmer all his life; his father was a native of Holland, a minister of the Methodist Episcopal Church. John died in 1839, aged forty-two years, from the effects of an accident (a tree having fallen on him), and his widow in October, 1867. Our subject, who is second in the family, received a common school education. He was married January 11, 1844, to Miss Lucinda Hulburd, a native of Hamburg, N. Y., and daughter of William Hulburd, who came to Crawford County in 1836, took up and cleared a farm of fifty acres in Hayfield Township. He has been a Justice of the Peace, and has held several other prominent offices. He and his wife were members of the Presbyterian Church. She died August 15, 1879, and he followed her May 7, 1883. Mr. and Mrs. Edmund Vredenburg have been parents of six children, four now living, viz.: Delilah, wife of G. L. Line; Mary J., wife of E. O. Satterlee; Rachel, wife of O. A. Wood; and John W., who has taught school several terms. Our subject, wife and all the children are members of the United Brethren Church. Mr. Vredenburg settled on his present farm of fifty acres in Summerhill Township in 1847, and all he owns has been acquired by hard work and industry. He has held several township offices; in politics he is a Republican.

ALANSON W. WATERS, farmer, P. O. Conneautville, was born in Summerhill Township, this county, February 22, 1829; son of David and Chloe (Hitchcock) Waters, former a native of Massachusetts, latter of New York. They came to Crawford County in November, 1825; were parents of nine children, eight now living. David Waters settled in this township on a farm,

which he cleared and sold; then moved to near Erie, Penn., where he bought another farm which he partly cleared; then went to Michigan for a time and finally returned to Crawford County, where he remained several years; again sold his farm and went to Tennessee, where he died in May, 1871. His widow is now living in Conneaut Township, this county, with her daughter, Mrs. Maria P. Swift; she is a member of the Universalist Church. Our subject, who is second in the family, learned the trade of cabinet-maker, at which he chiefly worked until 1879. In 1864 he enlisted in the Third Pennsylvania Heavy Artillery, serving under Gen. Butler at Dutch Gap, with the Army of the James in Fort Harrison. He was honorably discharged at Fortress Monroe in June, 1865, and returned home. Mr. Waters married, October 31, 1852, Miss Dorcas S. Ball, a native of Barnard, Vt., and daughter of Samuel and Susan Ball, former of whom came to this county in 1851, and died April 1, 1869, aged ninety years. He was a man possessed of a strong mind, a great reader. Mrs. Ball died January 9, 1856, aged fifty-four years. Three children have been born to this union, one now living—Mary M.—wife of Henry L. Mang. Mrs. Waters is a member of the Universalist Church. Mr. Waters moved to his present farm of thirty-five acres, in Summerhill Township, in 1879. He is a member of the E. A. U. and of the G. A. R.; in politics a Republican.

F. A. WEBB, farmer, P. O. Dicksonburg, was born in Turnersville, this county, September 20, 1844, son of William and Lavina (Carpenter) Webb, former a native of New York, latter of Rutland, Vt. They came to Crawford County in 1840, and were parents of five children. William Webb kept a hotel in Turnersville for about twenty years, besides working a farm of 150 acres. He died February, 1860. His widow, who was a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, died March 23, 1879. Our subject, who is the eldest in the family of five, received a good common school education and was brought up a farmer. He married, July 3, 1866, Miss Mary Clark, a native of Trumbull County, Ohio, and daughter of Lefflet Clark, an extensive cattle dealer, who, together with his entire family, Mrs. Webb excepted, died of typhoid fever in 1854. To our subject and wife were born three sons and three daughters: Curtis L., J. Merton, Harry H., Flora B., Clara L. and Blanche. Mr. Webb purchased 122 acres of improved land in Summerhill Township, to which he moved in 1881. He has been Justice of the Peace, and has filled nearly all the township offices. In politics he is a Democrat.

ANDREW A. WOOD, farmer, P. O. Norrisville, was born in Allegany County, N. Y., in 1823, son of Elias and Amanda (Cary) Wood, natives of Vermont, who came to Crawford County in June, 1848, latter deceased in April, 1871, former now living with his son, Horatio, having attained the patriarchal age of over ninety-one. They were parents of thirteen children, five now living. During the war of the Rebellion five of their sons joined the Union Army: Elias A., was killed at Cedar Mountain; Sylvester, lived only six days after returning home, succumbing to disease contracted while in the service; Horatio I., enlisted three times, serving through nearly all the war; Alonzo M., served three months (he is since deceased), and Andrew A., was a member of the One Hundred and Sixty-ninth Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry. He served nine months with the Army of the Potomac; was in several skirmishes and raids, but escaped unscathed, and was honorably discharged. Elias Wood was a millwright by trade, at which he worked in his younger days, but after coming to Crawford County he confined himself to farming. His father was a soldier in the Revolutionary war. Mrs. Amanda Wood's father, Oliver Cary, was also a soldier in that war, and was "out" seven

years; was in many engagements and was wounded in the left wrist. He and ten other soldiers were taken prisoners by the Indians, and all were massacred excepting him, as he managed to escape by flight after enduring untold hardships. Our subject was married in 1852 to Miss Harriet M., daughter of John Dearborn. She is a native of Summerhill Township, born October 15, 1831. To this union were born five children, four now living: Catharine A., wife of John Sebaugh; Orlando A.; Ida C., wife of Samuel Sproul, and Mary L. Jerome E. died when nearly eleven years of age. Mrs. Wood is a member of the United Brethren Church. Mr. Wood is owner of sixty-five acres of well-improved land, mostly cleared by himself. He is a carpenter and joiner, a trade he followed for twenty-five years. In politics he is a Republican.

STEUBEN TOWNSHIP.

BENJAMIN AUGUST, farmer, P. O. Townville, is a native of Venango County, Penn., born October 26, 1814; son of John C. B. and Mary (Miller) August, natives of St. Petersburg, Russia. The father settled in this county in an early day, built a log-cabin and lived the life of a lone bachelor for several years. His son, our subject, has done much toward making the county what it is to-day. He has cleared up and improved many of its broad acres and has given his life to agricultural pursuits. Mr. August was married November 16, 1837, to Miss Susan Barton, of this county, a native of Cortland County, N. Y., born June 19, 1820, daughter of Isaac and Mary (Ostrander) Barton, who were natives of New York State, of English and German descent, respectively, and who settled in this county in 1836, where they lived and died. Our subject is the father of nine children, of whom four are now living, viz.: Charles, Caroline, Delfina and Richard M. Mr. August served a short time in the late war in the One Hundred and Fiftieth Regiment Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry. Our subject and wife have been members of the Methodist Episcopal Church for the past thirty years. In politics he is a Greenbacker.

FREELOVE BAKER, farmer, P. O. Townville, was born in Steuben Township, this county, February 14, 1825, son of John and Mary (Gay) Baker. He received a common school education and was reared a farmer. He purchased land in Steuben Township at the age of twenty years, upon which he still resides. This he has since improved in various ways and is now comfortably situated. Mr. Baker was married in February, 1844, to Miss Betsy E. Altenburg, who was born January 9, 1823, daughter of George and Mary (Corn) Altenburg. To this union were born three sons and three daughters, viz.: Mary E. (deceased), Edwin, Harriet E. (deceased), Lillie Bell, Frank F. (deceased) and Fred. Our subject and wife are members of the Baptist Church. He has served his township in many of its offices. Is a Democrat in politics.

CASPER C. BAKER, farmer, P. O. Townville, was born May 3, 1840, in Steuben Township, this county, son of John and Mary (Gay) Baker, natives of New York State, and who settled in Athens Township, this county, in 1820, and thence went, three years later, to the land Mr. Baker now occupies. They reared a family of nine children. They died in this township, the mother February 14, 1869, aged sixty-nine, and the father September 1, 1870, aged

seventy-five. They are buried in the Baptist Church Cemetery, at Townville, of which church they were both faithful members. John Baker was born April 23, 1795, in Washington County, N. Y. In the year 1813 he filled his elder brother's place in the army. In March, 1820, he came to Athens Township, this county, and made a commencement on a tract of land he had bought in October of same year, and January 30, 1821, he returned to his former home. He was united in marriage with Mary Gay, a native of the same county, born April 6, 1800. Mr. Baker was married November 6, 1863, to Miss Arminta Gregg, who was a native of Warren County, this State, born October 29, 1844, and daughter of John and Ann (Pilling) Gregg, natives of England and early settlers in Warren County, Penn. To this union were born two children: Erwin A., born April 5, 1868, and Winifred E., born August 27, 1873. Mrs. Baker was a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church; she died January 19, 1880, and is now resting in the Baptist Cemetery. Mr. Baker is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church. In politics he is a Democrat.

OSCAR F. BARTON, farmer, P. O. Townville, was born in Crawford County, Penn., March, 1837, son of William H. and Olive (Ostrander) Barton, who moved from New York State to this county in 1837, and settled in Troy Township, where Mr. Barton died in 1879, and where his widow still resides. Our subject left his father's home at the age of eighteen years, and worked in different parts of this county for a few years. He was married, December 5, 1860, to Miss Lucy A. Drake, a native of this county, born February 22, 1842, a daughter of Francis and Jane (Navy) Drake, who were early settlers in this county, of English and German descent, respectively. To Mr. and Mrs. Barton were born seven sons, viz.: Francis E., Leroy W., James E., Fred F., Lester M., Lewis H. and Leon C. Mrs. Barton is a member of the Baptist Church. Their son Leroy W. is a natural artist and penman. Our subject has some splendid Durham cattle on his farm. In politics he is a Republican.

SIDNEY W. BOOTH, farmer, P. O. Tryonville, is a native of Essex County, N. Y., born March 21, 1835, son of Enos and Mary (Way) Booth, who were natives of Lempster, N. H., of English and Welsh descent, respectively. They reared their family in New York State, and died in St. Lawrence County, that State. The subject of this sketch received a common school education, and began the carpenter trade at twenty-one years of age, which he followed a few years, then gave some attention to the molding business for two or three years; was in the army two and one-half years in a business capacity (sutler's clerk), and in 1865 moved to this county, where he engaged in prospecting for oil fourteen years, and then, in 1878, he purchased land in Steuben Township which he has improved in many ways, so that it is now valued at $50 per acre. Mr. Booth has served in some of the township offices. He was married, March 21, 1859, to Miss Maria Clark, of St. Lawrence County, N. Y., born September 17, 1836, daughter of Ransford and Sarah (Wells) Clark, natives of Vermont and New York, and of Irish and English descent, respectively, who died in St. Lawrence County, N. Y. To our subject and wife have been born one daughter and one son, viz.: Ida M., born December 28, 1860 (now deceased), and Earnest C., born August 15, 1872. Mr. Booth is a Republican in politics.

HENRY BUCKLEY, JR., farmer, P. O. Townville, was born in Washington County, N. Y., January 30, 1850, son of Henry and Harriet S. (Barber) Buckley, natives of New York and Vermont States, respectively. They were married in 1847, and emigrated from New York State to this county in 1860, where he now resides. They reared a family of one son and two daughters, viz.: Mary J., Henry and Laura S., all now living. Our subject has had the bene-

fit of common and select schools, also spent three terms in the Normal School of Edinboro, Penn., and followed school teaching several years in this county. He purchased land in Steuben Township, this county, in 1877; has since added to the same at different times until he now owns eighty-seven and a half acres of well-improved land. Mr. Buckley has served his township in many of its offices, and is now serving as Justice of the Peace. He was married May 29, 1879, to Miss Alice A. Hickman, a native of Oil City, Penn., born October 20, 1856, daughter of Simeon and Catharine (Rossman) Hickman, who were natives of Ireland and Pennsylvania, and of Irish and German descent, respectively. They were married in Venango County, Penn., where they reared a family of three sons and three daughters, and where they died several years since. Mrs. Henry Buckley, Jr., is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church. Our subject is a Democrat in politics.

JOHN W. BUEL, farmer, P. O. Centreville, was born in Rome Township, this county, April 5, 1827, son of Roswell S. and Sarah (Capron) Buel, natives of Connecticut and Massachusetts, respectively, and of English descent. They came to this county in 1819, and reared a family of eight children, beginning in the woods without any money. They had to go to Pittsburgh, Penn., for supplies. Mr. Buel cleared up many acres of land. He served in some of the county offices. They died in this county at the ages of eighty-nine and sixty-nine years, respectively. Our subject received a common school education, and in 1849 purchased land in Rome Township, this county, which he cleared and sold, and then purchased a farm in Steuben Township, where he now resides. He has built a good residence and made other improvements, his land being now worth $50 per acre. Mr. Buel has served his township in some of its offices. He was married April 8, 1855, to Miss Harriet E. Ludden, of this county, born in Livingston County, N. Y., September, 18, 1834, and daughter of Joseph and Electa (Benjamin) Ludden, natives of New York State and of English descent. They lived in Livingston County, N. Y.; came to this county in 1855, and in 1866 moved to Erie County, this State, where they now reside, aged seventy-six and seventy-four, respectively. To Mr. and Mrs. Buel were born two sons and one daughter, viz.: Lewellyn (deceased), Herbert A. and Ella R. Our subject and wife are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church at Centreville. In politics he is a Republican.

DANIEL T. CASSELMAN, farmer, P. O. Townville, is a native of Chautauqua County, N. Y., born October 18, 1829, son of Jonas and Sarah (Horn) Casselman, natives of Genesee County, N. Y. They lived in Chautauqua County, N. Y., for several years, then removed to this county, where they remained about five years; returned to their native State, and there died at the age of seventy-nine and eighty-nine, respectively. Our subject received a common school education, and in 1846 went to Wisconsin and purchased land. Here he remained five years, then returned to New York State, and in 1854 moved to Pennsylvania, settling in this county. He purchased land in Troy Township, which he cleared up and sold, and in 1856 moved to Steuben Township, where he now has 108 acres of good land, and gives his entire attention to general agriculture. Mr. Casselman served a short time in the late war, in 1864. He was married January 1, 1854, to Miss Harriet A. Durfee, a native of this county, born May 18, 1836, daughter of Otis L. and Louisa (Stearns) Durfee, natives of Connecticut and Massachusetts, and of Irish and English descent, respectively. They married in Chautauqua County, N. Y., and moved to Pennsylvania in 1830, first to Venango County, and in 1834 to this county, and were among the first settlers in Steuben Township. Mr. Durfee was a Baptist minister of the Gospel, and organized the first Baptist soci-

ety in the township. They had a family of four sons and two daughters. Mr. Durfee died aged seventy-one, and Mrs. Durfee, aged sixty-four. To Mr. and Mrs. Casselman were born five sons and five daughters: Theodore F., Willie E., Percy E., Alice C., Otis L., Henry H., Bessie M., Jessie G., Mary R. and Edna L., all now living except Otis and Mary. Mr. Casselman is a Prohibitionist in politics.

DON E. CASTLE, farmer and gardener, P. O. Tryonville, was born in Litchfield County, Conn., August 28, 1818, son of William and Caroline (Foote) Castle, natives of Connecticut, of English-French and Welsh descent, and who immigrated to Pennsylvania in 1851, settling in what is now Steuben Township, this county, where Mr. Castle died in 1880, at the age of eighty years, and where Mrs. Castle now resides in her eighty-third year. Their eldest son, our subject, came to this county in 1839, and settled in this township, where he followed carpentering for twelve to fifteen years, and then purchased land in 1847, upon which he now resides. This he has cleared and made many improvements thereon, having built a good residence, etc., and has now 106 acres, valued at $50 per acre. Besides general agriculture Mr. Castle has given some attention to lumbering and boating on Oil Creek and Allegheny River. He has served his township in many of its offices; is a member of the E. A. U. Our subject was married May 27, 1845, to Miss Ann T. Barber, a native of this county, born February 19, 1822, daughter of Charles and Sylvi (Capron) Barber, natives of Vermont and New Hampshire, and of French and English descent, respectively. They settled in this county about 1817, and reared a family of six children, and here they died several years ago. To our subject and wife have been born three sons and two daughters: Ellen, Charles E., Joseph B., Don E. and Flora, two of whom are now living: Charles E. and Don E. Mrs. Castle is a member of the Congregational Church. In politics our subject is a Democrat.

RITNER CLARK, farmer, P. O. Townville, was born in Warren County, Penn., April 2, 1836, and moved with his parents in an early day to Erie County, Penn., where they remained about twelve years, and in 1856 came to this county. Our subject owns a farm of fifty acres upon which he resides. He was married in January, 1857, to Miss C. Jackson, a native of New York State, daughter of John and Hannah Jackson, who were early settlers in this county. Our subject is the father of five sons and four daughters: Lavern, Carey, Willie, Elmer, Elnora, Ettie, James, Clarence and Ida. Mr. Clark served about one year in the war of the Rebellion in Company C, One Hundred and Sixty-ninth Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry. He is a Republican in politics.

HENRY A. DRAKE, of the firm of Hanial Clark & Co., saw and stave-mill, P. O. Townville, was born in Erie County, Penn., December 13, 1841, son of Henry A. and Lusina (Sherwood) Drake, who were natives of New York and Pennsylvania, respectively, and of English descent. Our subject enlisted at the age of twenty years, in the Twelfth Regiment Pennsylvania Cavalry, serving three years and seven months; he participated in the battles of Bull Run, Winchester, Antietam, South Mountain and several others. He returned to his home in Erie County, Penn., August, 1865, and engaged in the manufacture of shovel handles, which he continued in for several years, and in 1877 moved to Crawford County, Penn., where he engaged in the saw-mill and manufacturing of staves, handles, etc. Mr. Drake was married April 8, 1864, to Miss Arminta T. Graff, also a native of Erie County, Penn., who bore him two daughters, viz.: Jessie M. and Hattie, both now living. Mr. Drake is a member of William Gleason Post, No. 96, G. A. R., Townville, Penn. His wife is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, same place.

ABNER B. EDSON, merchant, Townville, was born June 17, 1834, in Bloomfield Township, this county, son of Chelous and Julia Ann Edson. Our subject was reared on a farm, had an academic education, and followed teaching about four years. In 1866 Mr. Edson purchased land in this township, and followed farming for some years. In 1867 he embarked in mercantile trade, and he is now in the clothing, boot and shoe and furnishing goods business, in Townville, Penn. During the war of the Rebellion, our subject served from April 18, 1861, to March 1, 1865; first in Company H, Erie Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, then in Company I, Eighty-third Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry. He was commissioned as Second Lieutenant, and later promoted to a First Lieutenancy. Being wounded September 30, 1864, near the People's Farm battle-ground, Va., by a gunshot in the right side, he was honorably discharged. Mr. Edson was married, November 14, 1864, to Miss Helen Beardsley, a native of Steuben Township, this county, daughter of Levi S. and Amanda (Marvin) Beardsley, who settled in this county about 1840. To this union were born four children: Aseneth L., Anna, Amanda and Emma, all now living. Mr. and Mrs. Edson and their eldest daughters are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church. Our subject has served his township as Justice of the Peace for nine years past, and has now the nomination of the Republican party of Crawford County for the office of Prothonotary of the Courts. He is a member of the I. O. O. F. and G. A. R. in the village in which he resides.

ELLIS M. FARRELLY, physician, Townville, is a native of Meadville, Penn., born January 13, 1843, son of John W. and Louisa (Ellis) Farrelly, who married in this county, and had born to them a large family, of whom our subject alone survives. He was educated in Meadville, Penn., read medicine with Edward Ellis, M. D., of same place, attended lectures in Ann Arbor, Mich.; entered the army as a medical cadet August 18, 1862, served two years, and the remainder as Acting Assistant Surgeon, until March, 1865, when he resigned. While stationed at Louisville, Ky., in 1864, he graduated in the Kentucky School of Medicine. The Doctor began the practice of medicine in Franklin, Penn., in 1865, and the following year went to the Western States, where he followed his profession about fourteen years. In 1878 he settled in Townville, Penn., where he continues the practice of medicine. Our subject was married, September 11, 1880, to Mrs. Ettie Sayre, of this county, widow of Frank W. Sayre, and daughter of George and Caroline Bowman, who were early settlers in this county. The Doctor is a member of Gleason Post, No. 96, G. A. R., Townville, Penn. Is a Democrat in politics.

ABIJAH R. FROSS, harness-maker, P. O. Townville, is a native of Erie County, Penn., born November 20, 1840, son of John and Sarah M. (George) Fross, natives of Washington County, N. Y., of English and French descent respectively. They were married in Erie County, Penn., and moved to this county in 1856, settling first in Richmond Township. Here John Fross purchased land and followed farming, traded in stock and shaved notes. In 1865, he moved to Townville, Penn., and engaged with his son (our subject) in harness and grocery trade (in which they continued a few years), selling out to the son, then returned to Richmond Township, where he died May 5, 1873. His widow now resides with our subject, who is giving his attention to the harness trade and other matters. Our subject served three years in the late war in Company C, One Hundred and Fiftieth Regiment Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, and passed through many fiery engagements; was captured in May, 1864, at the battle of the Wilderness, Virginia, and taken to Andersonville, thence to Florence Prison, where he was kept seven months, and being paroled, returned home,

recruited his health, and returning to his regiment served to the close of the war. He was honorably discharged May, 1865, and returned home, since which time he has followed his trade. Mr. Fross was married, September 12, 1865, to Miss Hattie D. Bradford, of Richmond Township, this county, native of Rome Township, this county, born December 18, 1844, daughter of Alonzo L. and Cornelia (Stewart) Bradford, natives of Vermont and Pennsylvania respectively, and early settlers in this county. Mr. Bradford died in Andersonville Prison, July 24, 1864; his widow still resides in this county. To our subject and wife were born one daughter and one son—Maud L. and John E. Mr. Fross has served in some of the offices of the borough in which he lives. He is a member of the I. O. O. F. and R. T. of T., in Townville, Penn.; is a Republican in politics.

ISAAC D. GILLET, farmer, P. O. Townville, was born in Onondaga County, N. Y., August 24, 1834, son of Samuel B. and Chloe (Winston) Gillet, natives of New York, and early settlers of Steuben Township, both deceased. They were the parents of ten children, of whom Isaac D. was the third. He received only a limited education, and served as an apprentice to the trade of wagon-making. He also followed coopering about fifteen years. In 1866 he turned his attention to farming, and has been very successful. He has been twice married; his first wife (*nee* Elizabeth Terrill), died May 18, 1871, leaving to his care seven children, viz.: Leroy T., Elmer, Aden L., Mandana, Charles, Henrietta and Albert. Our subject was again married June 4, 1874, on this occasion to Rhoda Toms, who has borne him two children: Josephine and Joseph. Mr. and Mrs. Gillet are members of the Baptist Church. He is a member of the State police. In politics he is a Greenbacker.

RICHARD HANNA, retired farmer, P. O. Townville, is a native of Orange County, N. Y., born December 26, 1797; son of William and Jane (Newell) Hanna, natives of Ireland. They were married in County Antrim, Ireland, and immigrated to America about 1795, settling in Orange County, N. Y., where they purchased land and followed general agriculture. They reared a family of five sons and two daughters: James, William, Robert, Richard, Alexandra, Margaret and Eleanor, all now deceased except Richard and Eleanor. The father died in Cortland County, N. Y., aged sixty-five years, the mother in Cayuga County, N. Y., aged ninety. Our subject had a common school education, and began to work on his own responsibility at the age of twenty-one years, and soon became owner of land in Cortland County, N. Y. He followed farming there a short time, and then moved to Cayuga County, N. Y., where he continued in agricultural pursuits about one year; then sold out and moved to Livingston County, N. Y., where he engaged in the carpenter's and joiner's trade, in which he continued until 1838. He next moved to Pennsylvania, and purchased land in this county. He has cleared up and improved many acres of land in this county. Mr. Hanna was married, in 1818, to Miss Sallie Barton, of Cortland County, N. Y., born in Orange County, N. Y., daughter of Isaac and Pattie (Raymond) Barton, also natives of New York State, and now deceased. To this union were born three sons and one daughter: Henry, Isaac, William and Sallie, only two now living: Isaac and Sallie. Mrs. Hanna died in her native county. She was a member of the Baptist Church. Our subject then married Polly Collar, a native of Livingston County, N. Y., and daughter of Joseph and Nancy (Clark) Collar, natives of Pennsylvania, and who died in Livingston County, N. Y. By this second marriage were born five sons and two daughters, viz.: Mary J., Joshua D., Abraham Mc., William, Lucena, Joseph and James, all now living except Abraham, who died in the late war. The mother of this family died in this township. She

was a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church. Mr. Hanna is a Jeffersonian Democrat.

ELONCO D. LAMB, farmer and lumberman, P. O. Townville, was born September 27, 1819, in Cortland County, N. Y., son of Edward and Betsy (Gillett) Lamb, natives of Connecticut and of English descent. They married in Cortland County, N. Y., where Mr. Lamb died. Our subject came with his mother to this county in 1836, where he engaged in the saw-mill and lumbering trade, which he followed exclusively for seven or eight years, still giving some attention to it. He purchased land in 1839, to which he has since added, and which he has much improved. Mr. Lamb has served his township and county in some of its offices, such as Collector, etc. He was identified with the Good Templars Lodge while it existed in his village. Our subject was married, November 26, 1843, to Miss Lucy A. Hotchkiss, born in Randolph Township, this county, December 31, 1821, and daughter of Cornelius and Lucy (Webster) Hotchkiss, who were natives of Connecticut and New York States, and of English and French descent respectively. They married in Washington County, N. Y., and moved to Pennsylvania in 1821, settling in this county. They died in Erie County. To our subject and wife have been born two sons and three daughters, viz.: Alice A., Josephine D. (deceased), Albert B., Flora J. (deceased) and Arthur E. Mr. Lamb is a stanch Republican.

LEVI L. LAMB, retired, Townville, is a native of Steuben Township, this county, born January 12, 1840, son of Awburn and Rebecca (Sturdevant) Lamb, early settlers of this county. Our subject at first followed the carpenter and joiner's trade for several years, then after the war carried on merchandising for six years, engaged in hotel business for a short time, and operated a cheese factory, etc., etc. He enlisted August 19, 1861, in Company F, Eighty-third Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, under Capt. McCoy, of Meadville, Penn., and passed through numerous engagements, battles, etc., viz.: Siege of Yorktown, Hanover Court House, the seven days' fighting under McClellan on the Peninsula (where he was slightly wounded), Rappahannock Station, the Wilderness, etc. He was wounded at the battle of Laurel Hill, Va., May 8, 1864, by a gunshot through the right shoulder and a dislocation of the left shoulder, causing the loss of both arms, and was seven months in McVey Hospital, Alexandria, Va. He was discharged December 14, 1864. Mr. Lamb was married August 12, 1860, to Miss Hannah J. Brant, a native of Richmond Township, this county, and daughter of Simeon and Hannah (Leach) Brant, early settlers of this county, and to this union were born two sons—Harvey L. and Awburn. Mrs. Lamb is a member of the Baptist Church. Our subject has served his county as Mercantile Appraiser, also Treasurer; is a member of the I. O. O. F. and G. A. R., of Townville, Penn; in politics is a Republican.

ALBERT B. LAMB, farmer, P. O. Townville, was born in Steuben Township, this county, April 27, 1851, son of Elonco D. and Lucy A. (Hotchkiss) Lamb. Our subject was married June 19, 1872, to Miss Nancy B. Rounds, of Steuben Township, this county, a native of this county, born October 10, 1850, and daughter of Horace C. and Nancy J. (Bennett) Rounds. The result of this union is one son and two daughters, viz.: Lillie, Josephine and Fred B. Mr. Lamb is a member of the I. O. O. F., and State police in Townville; in politics he is a Republican.

DANIEL H. McCRILLIS, farmer, P. O. Tryonville, was born in Orange County, Vt., February 9, 1826, son of Brigham and Rebecca (Sanderson) McCrillis, natives of Vermont, and of Scotch and English descent respectively. They reared their family chiefly in Huron County, Ohio, where the

father and mother died. Our subject went to Wisconsin, and followed general agricultural pursuits for seven years, and in 1852 moved to Pennsylvania and settled in this county, first in Richmond Township, and afterward in Steuben Township, where he now resides. He purchased several hundred acres of land, part of which he improved. Here he followed farming, gave considerable attention to coopering and lumbering for about sixteen years; built saw-mills, two of which were destroyed by fire. Mr. McCrillis was married in November, 1847, to Miss Laura J. Bunce, of Washington County, Wis., a native of Chautauqua County, N. Y., born in 1830, reared in Ohio, daughter of William and Sarah (Hamilton) Bunce, who moved to this county in an early day, both now deceased. To this union were born three sons and three daughters, viz.: Emma J., Annetta, William D., Franklin D., Adaliza and Charles E. They have also an adopted daughter—Maudie M. Pratt. In politics Mr. McCrillis is a Democrat.

JOHN P. NAVY, farmer, P. O. Townville, was born in Steuben Township, this county, June 1, 1852, son of Christopher and Ann (Gilson) Navy, who were natives of Lancaster and Crawford Counties, Penn., respectively; they were married in this county July 13, 1848, and had a family of four children, viz.: John P., Lurania V., Henrietta E. and Martha E. The father died April 14, 1884, and is buried in Townville Cemetery. His widow still works the old home farm. Our subject was married May 14, 1872, to Miss Emma Braymer, who was born in Maquoketa, Iowa, May 7, 1854, daughter of Henry and Sarah A. (Myers) Braymer, who were early settlers in this county, and now residents of Townville. Two daughters were born to this union: Louie A., born October 24, 1874, and Donna P., born July 10, 1881. Mr. and Mrs. Navy are members of the First Baptist Church of Townville. He is a member of the I. O. O. F.; a Republican in politics.

JULIUS M. PARKER, farmer, P. O. Townville, was born in Broome County, N. Y., February 4, 1830, son of Asa and Mary (Wilson) Parker, who settled early in life in New York State, where Mrs. Parker died. Mr. Parker spent the remainder of his days in this county with his son, Julius M. Our subject settled in Crawford County, in 1851, and purchased land in Richmond Township, thence went to Athens Township, and in 1876 moved to Steuben Township, where he now resides, and follows general agriculture. He was married April 25, 1858, to Miss Clara H. Winston, a native of this county. Her father and mother emigrated from New York State to this county in an early day. To our subject and wife have been born five children, viz.: Heber E., Elmer E., Willie S., Charles H. and Ida M., all now living except Heber E. Mr. Parker affiliates with the Republican party.

IRA B. PEAVY, farmer, P. O. Townville, was born in Belfast, Allegany County, N. Y., June 20, 1859, son of Oliver Lee and Louisa D. (Hauks) Peavy. The father was a member of Company B, One Hundred and Twenty-Second Regiment Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, and was killed at the battle of Chancellorsville. In 1864 our subject came to this county and lived at Guy's Mills until 1880, then moved upon a farm in Steuben Township. He was married, March 16, 1880, to Miss Laura Buckley, of this township, born February 3, 1858. One daughter has blessed this union—Alice E., born January 31, 1881. Mrs. Peavy is a member of the Evangelical Advent Church. Mr. Peavy in politics is a Republican.

LUTHER B. PRESTON, proprietor of saw-mill, Tryonville, is a native of Warren County, Penn., born August 12, 1836, son of John and Ann (Chase) Preston, natives of Canada and Pennsylvania respectively. They married in Warren County, Penn., where they remained till 1843, then moved to this

county and settled in Sparta Township, cleared a large farm and reared a family of three children, viz.: Silas M., Eunice M. and Luther B., all now living. The father and mother still reside in Athens Township, this county. Our subject purchased land in that township at the age of twenty-one, and this he cleared and improved, and there lived until 1871, when he sold, and purchased land in Steuben Township. He had given most of his time to the blacksmithing trade, in which he continued until of late years, and then began farming more extensively and improving his land. He has over 200 acres, on which he built, in 1880, a saw and shingle-mill, which he is operating very successfully. He also gave some attention to coopering for several years. In his earlier history Mr. Preston served in most of the township offices. He was married, September 23, 1857, to Miss Esther Hall, a native of Athens Township, this county, born September 19, 1838, daughter of Harmon and Prudence (Williams) Hall, natives of Great Bend, N. Y., and who settled in this county in 1829, and lived in Athens Township until their deaths. They reared a family of seven children. To Mr. and Mrs. Preston have been born four children, viz.: Welthy, Carlisle, Jestina and John H. Our subject is a Republican in politics.

WILLIAM REYNOLDS, farmer, P. O. Townville, is a native of Center County, this State, born in October, 1802, son of John and Maria (Brown) Reynolds, who were natives of and early settlers in Center County, Penn., and who about 1808 or 1810 moved with their family to this county, where they spent the remainder of their days. Our subject at the age of twenty-one years purchased land, began at once to clear up a farm, and has since given his entire attention to agricultural pursuits. He was married in May, 1831, to Miss Elizabeth Navy, of this county, and a native of Lancaster, Penn., born March 5, 1809, daughter of Philip and Mary (Heckard) Navy, who settled in this county in 1819. To the union of William and Elizabeth Reynolds have been born one son and six daughters, viz.: Mary, Elizabeth, Lydia, Jerusha, Addie, Adelia and Edward. Mr. Reynolds is an old solid Democrat.

EDWARD G. ROSE, farmer, P. O. Townville, is a native of Pennsylvania, born in Philadelphia January 3, 1856, son of Peter and Eliza (Boyer) Rose, also natives of Philadelphia, where they lived until June, 1857, then moved to this county, where they purchased land in Steuben Township, and here followed agricultural pursuits and lumbering. They reared a family of two sons and six daughters, of whom our subject is the youngest. The father died in Townville in 1882, aged seventy-three years. His widow still resides in the village. Our subject received a common school education, and has followed farming principally. He spent three years in the grocery trade with L. C. Magaw, of Meadville, Penn., and is now operating the home farm. Mr. Rose is a member of the Protestant Episcopal Church. In politics is a Republican.

WILLIAM M. ROSS, farmer, P. O. Centreville, is a native of Cattaraugus County, N. Y., born September 7, 1828, son of William and Harriet (Wheeler) Ross, natives of New Hampshire, of English descent, and who moved in 1840 to Venango County, Penn., where they lived until 1875, and in 1878 settled in Rome Township, this county, where they remained until the death of Mr. Ross in September, 1875. He died aged seventy-four years. His widow still resides on the old homestead in this county, now in her eighty-first year. Our subject was educated in the common school, and worked at home until twenty years of age, then with his earnings purchased, in 1850, land in Venango County, to which he added a few years later. He worked by the day and month until his land was paid for, and since thirty-one years of

age has followed farming for himself. He also gave some attention to the oil trade during the excitement in this country. Mr. Ross sold out in 1865, and moved to Steuben Township, this county, where he now has 230 acres of land, which he is improving in various ways, and upon which he now resides. Our subject was married, August 16, 1859, to Miss Ellen Perry, of Warren County, Penn., born in Chautauqua County, N. Y., September 1, 1837, daughter of Yates and Gertrude (Miller) Perry, natives of New York, and of English and Dutch descent. They were married in Columbia County, N Y., then moved to Chautauqua County, that State, and thence to Rome Township, this county, where they died, the former November 27, 1872, and the latter May 15, 1884, aged seventy-four and seventy-nine years respectively. To Mr. and Mrs. Ross were born four sons and one daughter, viz.: Herbert C., Elmer E., Franklin P., Edgar M. and Birdena E. The mother died August 14, 1869, and Mr. Ross then married, February 6, 1870, Miss Hannah V. Perry, a younger sister of his first wife, born in Rome Township, this county, April 2, 1844, by whom he has two sons and one daughter: Alfred H., Willis Y. and Mary E. The first wife of our subject was a member of the Baptist Church. His present wife is a Congregationalist. In politics Mr. Ross is a Republican.

HORACE C. ROUNDS, retired, Townville, is a native of Cayuga County, N. Y., son of Jonathan and Hannah (Morey) Rounds, natives of Rhode Island, who formerly lived in New York State, then moved to this county. They were parents of five sons and four daughters, of whom four are now living, viz.: Horace C., Reuben, Mehetabel and Sarah A. Our subject came with his parents in 1835 to this county and followed farming a few years, giving some attention at the same time to the trade of carpenter and joiner, which he finally adopted as a permanent business in connection with coopering. Mr. Rounds was married June 21, 1842, to Nancy J. Bennett, a native of North Shenango Township, this county, and daughter of Anthony and Nancy (Espy) Bennett, of this county, former of whom settled here in 1792 as a farmer. He was a Colonel in the war of 1812; died at the age of eighty-one years. Four children were born to this union: Margaret A., Hannah R., Nancy B. and William S., all now living. Mrs. Rounds is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church. Our subject is now retired, has a good home and is out of debt. He has served his township in many of its offices, and is now filling a second term as Justice of the Peace; is a member of the I. O. O F. and S. of T. In politics he is a stanch Republican.

BYRON SMITH, physician, Townville, was born in Hamburg Township, Erie Co., N. Y., July 4, 1830, son of Zenas and Mary (Oaks) Smith, who were natives of Vermont and New York State, and of English and German descent, respectively. Our subject came to this county in 1852, settling first at Guy's Mills and thence went to Spartansburg, thence to Townville, where he has since followed his profession. He was educated at the Homœopathic Hospital Medical College, of Cleveland, Ohio. Mr. Smith was married in February, 1854, to Miss Catharine Russell, of this township, a native of New York State and daughter of Benjamin and Rachel (Sueeden) Russell, who were also natives of New York State. Our subject served three years in the late war in Company F, Eighty-third Regiment, Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, and was honorably discharged in September, 1864. He is a Republican in politics.

WILLIAM P. SQUIER, farmer, P. O. Townville, was born May 2, 1812, in Monson, Mass., son of John and Chloe (Lincoln) Squier, who were natives of Massachusetts, where Mr. Squier died in 1841; his widow died in Ohio in 1873. Our subject moved to this State in 1837, and settled in Bloomfield Township, this county, where he with his uncle, Seth Lincoln, purchased land

and erected a saw-mill which he operated for a few years and then went to farming, continuing same in Bloomfield and Rockdale Townships, until 1863, when he sold out and purchased in Steuben Township, where he now resides. He has cleared up a good farm. Mr. Squier has been identified with the interests of the township in which he lives, and has served in many of the township offices. He was married March 8, 1838, to Jane P. Sturdevant, of this county, a native of New York State, born March 2, 1819, daughter of Levi and Rebecca (Norton) Sturdevant, who were natives of Connecticut and of English descent and who moved to this State and county in 1836, where they died in 1856 and 1860, respectively. Our subject is the father of eleven children: Mary A., William A., John C., Harvey L., William L., Harvey A., Chloe E., Alonzo L., Rebecca E., Otis O. and Jennie G. E. Mr. Squier is a very stanch old Republican and a strong advocate of temperance.

NUTEN E. STEVENS, merchant, Townville, is a native of Townville, Penn., born December 6, 1843; son of Edwin and Philura (Beardsley) Stevens, who were natives of Connecticut and New York State respectively. They were married in this county and reared a family of four sons: James F., Nuten E., Lucius M. and Sherman M., all now living. Their father died April, 1852; their mother now resides in Lowellville, Ohio, the wife of J. B. Vessele. Our subject was reared in this county and has been in mercantile trade in Erie, Tidioute and Townville, all in this county. Mr. Stevens sold out in the latter place in 1883, and is now temporarily out of trade. He was married October 7, 1868, to Miss Annie Walker, of Erie, Penn., and a native of Derbyshire, England, daughter of John and Jane (Price) Walker, who both departed this life in Nottinghamshire, England. They were the parents of a large family. To our subject and wife were born two daughters: Minnie Ettie, born November 17, 1870, and Jennie May, born May 21, 1876. Mr. Stevens is a member of the I. O. O. F. and R. T. of T., of Townville, Penn. In politics he is a Republican.

FRANKLIN K. STURGIS, farmer, P. O. Centreville, was born in Rockdale Township, this county, May 13, 1845; son of John C. and Lydia (Henry) Sturgis, of this county. Our subject received a common school education and followed teaming for several years. In 1866 he purchased land in Steuben Township, this county, which he sold later and purchased again, in 1877, in same township, and has now seventy-three acres of good land upon which he built a fine residence and substantial out-buildings. He has cleared up and improved his farm so thoroughly that it is now worth $50 per acre. Mr. Sturgis was married May 14, 1865, to Miss Henrietta A. Goodwill, a native of Crawford County, Penn., born in Mead Township, January 1, 1849, daughter of Cyrus and Phebe M. (Waid) Goodwill, who were among the first settlers in this county. The result of this union is one son—Ira A.—born August 24, 1867. Mr. Sturgis is a Republican in politics.

HENRY STURGIS, farmer, P. O. Centreville, is a native of Bloomfield Township, this county, born May 23, 1850; son of John C. and Lydia (Henry) Sturgis, who were early settlers in this county. Henry Sturgis, our subject, purchased land in 1872 in Rome Township, this county, which he sold in 1875, then purchased a farm in Steuben Township, where he now resides and on which he has made some valuable improvements. Mr. Sturgis has devoted the greater part of his time to carpentering, but now follows general agriculture. He was married August 30, 1877, to Miss Hattie Henry, of this township, a native of this county, born February 23, 1856, daughter of Harmon and Polly A. (De Mills) Henry, early settlers in this county. To our subject and wife were born three children, viz: Alice, Clinton, and Idia B., all now living.

Mr. and Mrs. Sturgis are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church of Centreville. In politics he is a Republican.

WARREN STUYVESANT, farmer, P. O. Hydetown, is a native of Oswego County, N. Y., born July 9, 1840, son of Christian and Rachel (Calkins) Stuyvesant, who were natives of New York and Vermont, and of German and English descent respectively. They moved to Erie County, Penn., by overland route, with one horse and wagon, in 1848, and in 1866 moved to Van Buren County, Mich., where Christian died, at the age of eighty-three. His widow died in Erie County, March 15, 1875, aged seventy-five. Our subject remained in Erie County (where he followed general agriculture) until 1881. He then moved to this county, and purchased land in Steuben Township, where he now resides. Mr. Stuyvesant was married October 13, 1863, to Miss Lydia Perry, a native of Erie County, Penn., born January 29, 1843, daughter of Abram and Adaline (White) Perry, natives of Maine and Vermont respectively, and of English descent. They were both reared in Erie County, Penn., where they married, lived and died. He died April 9, 1879, aged eighty-one years, and his widow March 23, 1884, aged sixty-seven years. Our subject and his wife were the parents of three sons and one daughter, viz.: Lee W., Earl M., Eveie G. and Scott R. Mr. Stuyvesant served eighteen months in the late war, in Company D, Eighty-third Regiment Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, and passed through several fierce engagements, viz.: The seven days' fight at Richmond, Malvern Hill, Va., Savage's Station, etc., etc.; was wounded in June, 1862, by a bullet in the right hand. In politics our subject is a Democrat.

NORMAN THOMAS, farmer, P. O. Townville, is a native of this county, born October 1, 1819, son of Norman and Sallie (Morey) Thomas, who emigrated from Massachusetts to this county in 1812. Our subject, who is the only one now living of his brothers and sisters, has spent most of his life in this county, and was educated in the common schools. He began preaching the Gospel at the age of twenty-five years in the Regular Baptist denomination, and has followed this calling mainly all through life. Mr. Thomas was married September 3, 1846, to Miss Meribah A. Root, of this county, a daughter of Daniel and Susan (Church) Root, who were early settlers in this county. One son, Olcott R., was born to this union. Our subject served over one year in the United States Navy. He purchased land in 1882 in Steuben Township, this county, upon which he now lives. In politics he is a Republican.

GEORGE W. TRYON, farmer, P. O. Tryonville, was born in Rome Township, February 3, 1832, son of David and Artemesia (Stedman) Tryon, natives of Litchfield County, Conn. They married in this county in 1828, and had a family of four sons and seven daughters, viz.: Mary J., Desdemonia, George W., Cornelia M., McCure S., Rachel, David, Debora A., D. Washington, Arabella and Ella E. Their mother died here in 1871. David Tryon was one of the first settlers in the county, having come in 1820 to what is now Steuben Township, and in partnership with his brother James, who came at the same time, purchased large tracts of land, built several mills, and followed carding for several years. In 1828 they entered into the saw-mill and lumber business, which they carried on very extensively for many years, operating three saw-mills most of the time until 1864. They also carried a general stock of merchandise. David and James and their wives were pioneer Methodists in this community. The first preaching and also first schools were held in their houses for many years. Our subject had a common school education, and worked with his father in the lumbering industry until twenty-one years of age. He then engaged in business for himself, which he continued in until

1862, giving also some attention to mercantile trade. In 1862 Mr. Tryon was commissioned by the Governor to enlist volunteers for the late war, and, in connection with recruits enlisted by John W. Ziegler and M. F. Rose, of Titusville, he assisted in forming Company I, One Hundred and Fiftieth Regiment Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, of which our subject was elected and commissioned Second Lieutenant, afterward promoted to First Lieutenant. He passed through many engagements, but being taken sick he was discharged October 22, 1864, and returned home. He then resumed his former line of business, which he continued in for a few years. He then commenced clearing up his land, soon had a good farm, and has since engaged in agriculture, horticulture, stock-raising, etc. Our subject was married October 22, 1872, to Miss Emma A. Cooke, of this township, a native of West Winsted, Conn., born October 3, 1853, daughter of Sherman T. and Cornelia (Jaqua) Cooke, also natives of Connecticut, of English and French descent. They reared a family of four children. Mrs. Cooke died in 1856; Mr. Cooke resides in West Winsted, Conn. Mr. and Mrs. Tryon have one son, Schuyler G., born August 26, 1873. Our subject and wife are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church. In politics he is a Republican.

JOHN WAID, proprietor of saw-mill and farmer, P. O. Tryonville, is a native of this county, born in Randolph Township, November 15, 1820, son of Williams and Abi (Skinner) Waid. Our subject had common school advantages, and at twenty-one years of age began work for Clapp, Matthews & Sykes, who were then building a saw-mill on March Run, in this township, with which firm he remained for a few years. He then purchased a partial interest in the saw-mill, and still later a greater interest in the same, at which time the firm name was changed to Matthews & Waid. This continued until 1856, when Mr. Waid became sole owner, and he has since carried on an extensive lumbering business very successfully. Before the Oil Creek Railroad was built all the lumber had to be rafted to Pittsburgh, Penn., and other points along the Allegheny River, but now it is conveyed by wagons to the railroad, a distance of one mile and a quarter. Mr. Waid has become owner of about 1,200 acres of land in Steuben and Athens Townships, this county, ranging in valuation from $10 to $100 per acre. He has expended considerably on the improvement of his land, on which he has built a residence at a cost of $5,000. He also, in 1872, erected a large hotel near his mill, which was burned to the ground in 1880. Through the burning besides of two large barns and other good buildings, our subject has suffered losses amounting to not less than $5,000. Mr. Waid has been connected with general merchandising in a store located on his land near his mills, which place is now known as Clappville. He carries on farming very extensively, employing a large force of hands, some fifty men or more, and he has cleared and improved many broad acres of wild and rough land. This year (1884) nearly 1,000 cords of hemlock bark have been obtained from two timber tracts. Mr. Waid was married February 17, 1843, to Miss Vesta A. Bloodgood, of Steuben Township, born in Oneida County, N. Y., October 1, 1820, daughter of James and Mary (Weal) Bloodgood, natives of New Jersey and Connecticut respectively, and of English descent. They were the parents of a large family which they reared in New York State, where Mr. Bloodgood followed the profession of music teacher, etc. Mrs. Waid came to this county at the age of sixteen, and here lived with her uncle and aunt, John and Harriet Matthews, until her marriage. To our subject and wife have been born four sons and three daughters, viz.: Amelia M., Dewit C., Ralph C., William F., John M., Harriet M. and Ann, the two latter deceased in infancy. Mr. Waid has served in some of the township offices. In politics he is a straight Democrat.

OZIAL WAID, farmer, P. O. Tryonville, is a native of this county, born in Randolph Township, April 3, 1823, son of Williams and Abi (Skinner) Waid, who were natives of New York State and Vermont, and of English and Scotch descent respectively. They came to this county in an early day and were here married in 1818. They raised a large family; followed farming and cleared up land. They died at the ages of seventy-nine and eighty-three respectively. Our subject received a common school education, and remained on the home farm with his parents until twenty-one years of age. In 1843 he purchased land in Steuben Township, this county, which he cleared up; then farmed for a few years and worked on the Allegheny and Ohio Rivers for some time, also followed lumbering for several years. Mr. Waid served his township in nearly all of its offices for some years. He was married, February 3, 1860, to Miss Sallie Bush, of this township, a native of New York State, born September 7, 1841, daughter of Horatio and Louy (Ercanbreek) Bush, natives of New York State and early settlers in this county. To this union were born two sons and two daughters, viz.: William D., Horatio S., Emma E. and Bertha M. In politics Mr. Waid is a Democrat.

DAVID S. WAID, farmer, P. O. Townville, is a native of this county, born in Randolph Township, January 8, 1821; son of Warner and Hannah (Skinner) Waid, natives of Vermont and Maine respectively, and of English descent. They were married in this county in 1817, and here Mrs. Waid died in September, 1823, aged twenty-three. Mr. Waid died in 1874, aged seventy-nine. Our subject followed the carpenter's trade and boat-building for several years, and having become the owner of land, began farming in 1864, and has continued the same in this township to the present. He has served as Justice of the Peace in this township for fifteen years; also Auditor for a term of years. Mr. Waid married, May 2, 1844, Miss Mary Kellogg, of this county, a native of Jamestown, N. Y., born August 26, 1823, daughter of Josiah and Paulina (Thompson) Kellogg, who were natives of Vermont and Canada respectively, and of English descent. They settled in this county in 1827, reared a family of eight children, and here both died several years since. To Mr. and Mrs. Waid were born two sons and three daughters, viz.: Sarah E., Martha H., Edwin A., David A. and Ettie M., all now living. He and his wife are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church at Townville.

ISAAC WHEELOCK, farmer, P. O. Townville, is a native of this county, born in Richmond Township, November 22, 1843, son of Jesse and Mary (Cummins) Wheelock, early settlers in this county, where Mrs. Wheelock died many years ago. Mr. Wheelock now resides in Richmond Township, and is said to have cast one of the first two votes in that township. Our subject was reared a farmer, an occupation he still follows, and gave some attention in 1869 and 1870 to the oil business. In 1871 he moved upon his land in Steuben Township, where he now resides; he has eighty-two and a half acres of land, half of which has been improved by his own individual efforts. He built a good residence in 1883; he has some good Durham cattle. Mr. Wheelock was a short time in the war of the Rebellion. He was married, February 26, 1873, to Miss Pruda A. Drake, a native of this township, born April 9, 1852, daughter of Francis and Jane (Navy) Drake, who were natives of Massachusetts and Pennsylvania respectively, and early settlers in this county. To this union were born four sons, viz.: Irvin A., Shismy J., Homer F. and William W. Mrs. Wheelock is a member of the Baptist Church. In politics Mr. Wheelock is a Democrat.

JOHN WINANS, carriage blacksmith, Townville, was born in Trumbull County, Ohio, September 10, 1826, son of James and Rachel Winans, natives

of Ohio. They were married in Trumbull County, Ohio, and there reared a family of seven sons, of whom only two are now living: Simeon and John. Our subject resided in Trumbull County, Ohio, till 1860, in which year he moved to this county and engaged in prospecting for oil, and finally settled in Townville, where he has since devoted his attention to his trade. Mr. Winans was thrice married. He was united to his present wife (*nee* Miss Cordelia Baugher), June 28, 1868. She is a native of this county, and daughter of Daniel and Mary (Gibson) Baugher, who were among the first settlers of this county. Three children were born to this union: Lena L., Fred and Floyd. Our subject is a prominent citizen of Townville, and is one of its Councilors. In politics he is a Democrat.

SUMMIT TOWNSHIP.

O. W. BEAN, M. D., physician and surgeon, and Postmaster, Harmonsburg, was born in Mercer County, Penn., September 25, 1852, and is a son of James M. and Caroline (Woods) Bean and grandson of James Bean, an early settler of Mercer County, who purchased 1,200 acres of land, and there remained among the pioneers of his day until his death. James M. Bean, our subject's father, had five sons: Irwin A., residing in Poweshiek County, Iowa; Abner L., on the old homestead in Mercer County; Oliver W., subject of sketch; Norman J., in Greenville, Penn.; and Jay M., at home. Oliver W. Bean was educated at Greenville, Mercer County, and began the study of medicine with Dr. W. C. E. Martin, a worthy physician of Greenville, and one of the Eclectic school. He attended medical lectures at the Eclectic Medical College of Cincinnati, Ohio, where he graduated January 28, 1877. He then began the practice of medicine in Susquehanna County, Penn., but subsequently removed to Harmonsburg, where he has permanently located since 1878, although he was in Ohio for some time before finally settling down in Harmonsburg. In January, 1880, he married Flora H., daughter of James McClure. He is a member of the A. O. U. W., and R. A.; is one of the most promising young physicians in the county.

JOHN BEATTY, farmer, P. O. Harmonsburg, was born in Vernon Township, this county, March 2, 1809, and is a son of Joseph and Susan (Litner) Beatty, natives of Pennsylvania, who settled near Harmonsburg in 1806, and brought up a family of nine children: Alexander, died at the age of one year; Eliza, now Mrs. Cotton; Margaret, now Mrs. Denne; Sarah, now Mrs. Powell; Wilhelmina; Susan, now Mrs. Gibson; John, our subject; James, deceased, and William, deceased. Our subject married, September 5, 1837, Mary, daughter of William and Margaret Hope, by whom he had four children: William H., who married Eva Taylor, and occupies the beautiful farm of his father's near Harmonsburg, and is a first-class farmer; Wilhelmina L., married March 1, 1877, to Jesse R. Sitler, now living in Marshall County, Kan.; Ellen, (deceased), was married to Mr. Brown, and an infant, deceased. John Beatty has been one of the leading citizens of the township, having held the office of School Director, Collector, Assessor, etc. He is a member of the United Presbyterian Church. Mrs. Beatty died March 24, 1867.

WILLIS T. BENEDICT, farmer and dealer in phosphate, P. O. Centre Road Station, was born in Evansburg, this county, October 17, 1842; son of

Robert and Sarah (Power) Benedict, former a native of New Haven, Conn., the latter of Pennsylvania, a member of the Presbyterian Church. She is a daughter of William Power, nephew of Alexander Power. Robert Benedict was for many years a merchant at Evansburg and a prominent business man. He died in 1852. His widow is now living with our subject. They were parents of three children, two now living: Willis T., and a sister, Anna B. Johnston, New Wilmington, Penn. Our subject, who is second in the family, received an academic education, which he obtained through his own efforts. He enlisted July, 1861, in the Sixty-second Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, attached to the Fifth Corps, Army of the Potomac, and was in the following engagements: Siege of Yorktown and with Gen. McClellan through the seven days' fight on the Peninsula; at Gaines' Mill, where he was wounded in the left eye. At Malvern Hill he was taken prisoner, and after remaining three and a half months in the Rebel hands, being confined in Libby and Belle Isle prisons, he was paroled and honorably discharged December 16, 1863, and returned home. He married, in 1869, Miss Martha T. Manning, a native of Ithaca, N. Y. Her father, Abram Manning, died there; her mother married William Miller, of Conneaut Centre, and moved to Crawford County, Penn. Mr. and Mrs. Benedict are parents of four children: Mary E., Robert A., William Power and George M. Our subject and wife are members of the P. of H. He is a member of the G. A. R., and is a F. & A. M.; in politics a Republican. Mr. Benedict is owner of a good farm.

ELI BROWN, farmer, P. O. Harmonsburg, was born May 6, 1816, in what was then Sadsbury, but now Summit Township, and is a son of John Brown, whose father, also named John, came to this county at an early day from Berks County, Penn., and as a pioneer took up land. Our subject's father, one of the eldest of the family, was in the war of 1812. He raised a family of eight children: Samuel (who married Susan Luper), Eli, Jacob (married Angeline Hall, and on her death married Miss Swift), David (married three times, first Mary Hall, next Mary Dudley, and lastly Eliza Trouax, who is now a widow), Philip (married Miss Garner), William (married Mary McGuire), Joseph (married Alvira Galbraith, then Hannah Craven, who was then a widow), W. B. (married Eliza Shotwell; he is now deceased). Eli Brown was married in 1837 to Rhoda Pool, by whom he had four children: William H. H. (married Miss Van Tassell), Hannah (married Daniel B. Robinson), Winfield S. (married Sally Reeme), Walter C. (married Eva Sterling). Mr. Brown is a leading farmer; has been Assessor two terms, Collector of Taxes, Roadmaster, and has served on the Board of Elections.

PHILIP BROWN, farmer, P. O. Harmonsburg, was born in Summerhill Township, this county, April 16, 1820, and is a son of John and Hannah (Gehr) Brown, who came with their parents some time in 1802 from the East, over the mountains. Our subject's grandfather was John Brown, who had nine children, of whom three are now living: Betsy (now Mrs. Michael Foust), Annie (now Mrs. John Trace), and Lydia (now Mrs. Philip Foust). John Brown, the father of our subject, a soldier in the war of 1812, had eight children, six now living: Samuel, Eli, Jacob, Philip, William and Joseph. Philip Brown was married to Elizabeth Garner, who bore him three children: Henry, Catharine, and Hattie, now Mrs. Joseph McGuire. On the death of his first wife, our subject married Rachel Cooledge, and by her had no family. Mr. Brown has been School Director, and has taken a deep and intelligent interest in this work, so that the school under his care has prospered to an extraordinary degree. He has been brought up in the Reformed Church; in his political views is a Republican. His family, whose history is fully portrayed in

that of Vernon Township, is one of the most numerous and prosperous in this vicinity.

CALVIN. V. BROWN, farmer, P. O. Harmonsburg, was born in this township, June 28, 1855, and is son of Joseph and Alvira (Galbraith) Brown, who were descendants of the earliest pioneers of this county. The Browns early purchased large tracts of land and have since added considerably to their possessions; so that by this means, and by intermarriage with other families, they now occupy the most of Vernon and Summit Townships. They have been a prosperous people, no doubt in consequence of their honest and peaceable dispositions, so that there has been no need in the eighty years of their occupancy for a Constable or a Justice of the Peace before whom to bring an action. Our subject's father, Joseph, removed to Conneautville in 1871, and December 2, 1876, Calvin V. Brown married Fannie, daughter of Joseph and Elizabeth (Wilson) Gehr, the second of five children. They have two children: Lennie A., and Hannah I. They occupy the old home farm, Mr. Brown being the only child in his father's family.

DANIEL CLOSE, farmer, P. O. Harmonsburg, was born in Berks County, Penn., July 23, 1809, and is son of Jonathan and Magdalena (Cancle) Close. His father came to this county in 1822, purchased 440 acres from the Power estate, then returned to Union County, and in 1823 removed with his family and began life as a pioneer in the woods. His family was in all thirteen children, eight of whom are still living: Samuel, Jeremiah, Daniel, Jonathan, Esther, Rachel, Joel and Susan. Esther is now the widow of Mr. McGuire, a soldier of the war of 1812; Rachel is unmarried, and Susan is Mrs Young, in California. The Close family were among the first pioneers of the county, and our subject, although he commenced life poor, having been a thorough business man and possessed of tact, has acquired quite a competency to enjoy while yet living and leave to his children. He is of an inventive turn and has devised several useful implements. He was married December 7, 1831, to Grace, daughter of James and Elizabeth (Bull) Beaty. The family consisted of six children, three living: James B., married Elizabeth McClure; William, married Elizabeth McIntosh, and they have one daughter—Georgie A. (they are both well-to-do farmers); Martha, now the widow of J. McClure, who was killed in 1881 by being thrown from a mowing machine. Martha has three children: John B., Mary B. and William V. Our subject has been an extensive stock dealer, and is one of the prominent citizens of the county. He got his first start in life by freezing apples, distilling the cider and trading the apple jack for an ax, with which he cleared his first land, on which he grew his first crop. He built a saw-mill and run it twenty years; improved three farms and put buildings on them.

ARNOLD FORD, hotel-keeper, P. O. Harmonsburg, was born in Summit Township, this county, May 20, 1820; son of Thomas and Catharine (Brown) Ford. His father was married four times. By his first wife, Catharine Brown, he had eight children: John (deceased), Christopher, Eliza, Julia, Thomas (deceased), Atkinson (deceased), Andrew and Lorinda. His second wife was Lydia Rick, by whom he had five children: William, David, Silas, James, and Daniel a soldier in the late war, in Company I of a Michigan regiment; was killed at the battle of Petersburg. His third wife was Isabella Marshall, by whom he had four children: Maggie, Sarah, Alexander, and one deceased. Alexander was also a soldier in the late war, in the Eighth Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry; was wounded at Laurel Hill. Mr. Thomas Ford's fourth wife was Elizabeth Dikeman, by whom he had no children. Arnold Ford was married in December, 1844, to Susan A., daughter of Benja-

min Boggs, by whom he had six children: Sarah L., Mary E., Thomas J., Annie E., B. F. (deceased) and Florence R. Mr. Ford had for years kept hotel at Harmonsburg, and in 1862 enlisted in the One Hundred and Eleventh Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry (Erie Regiment), serving three years and four months. He was discharged at the close of the war in 1865, returned home, but had to go to the hospital at Cleveland, where his wife nursed him and was the means of saving his life.

PHILIP FOUST, farmer, P. O. Harmonsburg, was born in Berks County, Penn., October 7, 1800, and is a son of Adam and Catherine (Brown) Foust, who came to this county in 1804, settling in Sadsbury Township, there purchasing 800 acres of land and afterward 400 more. They had a family of fourteen children, of whom Daniel and our subject are the only surviving members. Philip Foust was married in June, 1822, to Lydia, daughter of John Brown, by whom he had eleven children: Perrina (deceased), Cornelius, Lucinda, Samuel, Fannie, Harriet (deceased), Sarah A., Maria, Catharine, Liveria, William (deceased). Lucinda married Dennis Lets; Fannie married Isaac Onspaugh; Sarah married Joseph Moss; Maria married M. Crane; Catharine married E. Soper; Liveria was twice married. Her present husband is J. Salome. Our subject, now in his old age, occupies a farm near the lake. He has been a leading farmer in his community. He has held the position of School Director, Road Master, Assistant Assessor and Judge of Elections; he has acquired a fine competency, whereby he can maintain himself in comfort for the remainder of his days.

GEORGE W. FOUST, farmer, P. O. Harmonsburg, was born in Sadsbury Township, this county, in 1818, and is the son of Peter and Polly (Beem) Foust, natives of Berks County, Penn., who came to this county some time about 1807, when the county was an entire wilderness, and like other early pioneers they fought the battles of life with earnestness. They were the parents of six children: John (deceased), Maria (Mrs. Patrick Leonard), George W., Delilah (Mrs. L. Southwick), Joseph and Alexander. Our subject married, in 1873, Sarah J., daughter of Robert Kelly, by whom he has one daughter, a bright, active and interesting child, named Sakie Jane. He is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church and of the E. A. U. In politics he is a Prohibitionist.

JOHN FULLER, farmer, P. O. Harmonsburg, was born August 25, 1830, in the town of Hume, Allegany County, N. Y., and is a son of Hiram and Clarissa (Putnam) Fuller. His father was born in the town of Hastings, Otsego Co., N. Y., in 1797, son of Hubbard and Elizabeth (Hamlin) Fuller. He was married in 1816 to Clarissa Putnam; came to this county in 1836, settling in Summit Township. He is a leading man of the township, and has held most of the township offices. His family consisted of eight children, as follows: Angeline, Emeline, Sylvia, Laura, Hubbard, Putnam, John and Rebecca. Angeline is now Mrs. Alonzo Whiting; Emeline is Mrs. A. Elliott; Sylvia is Mrs. C. A. Fisk; Laura is Mrs. T. B. Parker; Hubbard married Jane McConnell; Putnam married Laura Tower, and John. Our subject, married, February 26, 1858, Esther A., daughter of James M. Dickson, who was the fourth child and only daughter in her father's family. The result of this union is six children, viz.: Mary Adell, John Q., James Roscoe, Esther Nora, Hiram Gratz and Clarissa Luna. Our subject was a soldier in the late war in Capt. Myers' company, which was Company G, in the One Hundred and Sixty-ninth Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry. He is a member of the G. A. R. and R. A. In politics is a Republican. Mr. Fuller has held all the principal offices of his township; was elected member of the State Legislature, November 4, 1884.

BARRETT GEHR, farmer, P. O. Gehrton, was born in Summit Township, this county, August 11, 1847; son of Benjamin and Juda (Littwilder) Gehr. His father came from Berks County, Penn., in 1798, and settled in the southwest portion of this township, there remaining until his death. His widow still survives, occupying the old home farm. By his first wife, a daughter of Capt. John Gehr, he had five children: Sophia, Lucy A., Sylvania, Rebecca and one who died young. By his second wife, Juda Littwilder, he had three children: Sylvester, married Hersie Burge; Barrett, our subject, and Adeline, who married J. G. Hampe. Barrett Gehr married, October 22, 1874, Hannah, daughter of Rev. Henry Hampe, she being the eldest of eleven children in her father's family. Mr. and Mrs. Gehr are blessed with a family of two children: Donna Gertrude and Dale Darwin. He resides on the farm where his father lived, and in the house which his grandfather built. The Gehrs came originally from Switzerland and Germany, and were among the earliest settlers in Berks County, Penn., where one of the name is now living at the patriarchal age of one hundred and two years. This centenarian has been a resident of Summit Township ever since he was a young man.

PORTER JOHNSON, farmer, P. O. Harmonsburg, was born at Meadville, August 24, 1838, son of David and Susannah (Porter) Johnson, whose parents came from Ireland at an early day and settled in this county, where they died. They had ten children in their family, eight of whom are now living: James, Jane, Porter, Margaret, Susan, Eliza, Thomas and Robert. Eliza married a Mr. Floyd in Colorado; James married Eva Selby; Margaret married A. Sloan. Porter Johnson was a soldier in the late war, having enlisted in 1862, and served three years and nine months, under Col. Price, in the Second Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, and at the close of the war was discharged without a scar. He came home and was married July 4, 1867, to Sarah, daughter of Thomas Ford, the youngest of fourteen children, her father having been married four times. Mr. and Mrs. Porter have three children: Effie, Emmett and Ninus. Mr. Porter is a member of the G. A. R., and has experienced to the full the hardships of a warrior's life, having been through the whole war, and in such battles as Wolfton, Cedar Mountain, second Bull Run, Chantilly, Thoroughfare Gap, Warrenton, Biddleburg, Berrysville, Snickersville, Occoquan, Aldie, Middleburg, Gettysburg, South Mountain, Ashby's Gap, Bealton Station, Rappahannock Station, Mine Run, Luray Valley, Todd's Tavern, Old Church Tavern, Malvern Hill, Lee's Mills, White Oak Swamp, Deep Bottom, Charles City Cross Roads, Ream's Station, Wyatt House No. 1, Wyatt House No. 2, Boydton Plank Road, Stony Creek, Beaver Dam, Ashland Station, Front of Richmond, Hanover Ferry, Cold Harbor, Franklin Station, Prospect Hill, St. Mary's, Jerusalem Plank Road, and all the way up to the surrender in 1865. He has a fine farm of 225 acres. Mr. Johnson is a valuable citizen of the township.

JOHN D. JOHNSON, farmer, P. O. Linesville, was born in South Shenango Township, this county, in 1838 or 1839, and is son of Samuel and Margaret (Courson) Johnson, natives of New Jersey, who settled in this county, near Espyville, in South Shenango, on the right bank of the river, some time in 1820 or in 1821, raising a family of eleven children, of whom ten are still living: Hampton, Aaron, Robert, Gersham, Elizabeth, Eliza Elsa, Emily, Samuel, Jemima and John D. Our subject was married in October, 1875, to Elizabeth, daughter of Isaac Campbell, who bore him three children: Lauda, Wilber and Carl. Mr. Johnson resides about two miles from Harmonsburg, having purchased the Terrell farm in 1879, which he has since greatly improved. Mrs. Johnson was the fourth in her father's family of five children.

JOHN H. McCLURE, lumberman, P. O. Harmonsburg, was born in this township in September, 1856, and is a son of John and Caroline (McClure) McClure. His grandfather, James McClure, came to this county some time in 1797 or 1798, settling near Lake Conneaut, in Summit Township, where the Indians were very numerous. He has seen the Aborigines cook muskrats whole, and, taking them from the kettle, eat them whole. Once while he and his wife (*nee* Elizabeth Chidister), were crossing the lake in a skiff, they came in contact with a huge bear that had become tired of swimming and wanted to get into the boat, but Mr. McClure knocked the animal down, and pressing it under the water, drowned it and then dragged it to shore. Such was the life of a pioneer. Our subject's maternal grandfather, Silas Chidister, came into this county some time between 1800 and 1802, and took up a large tract of land near the lake, where he remained during the rest of his life. James McClure had six children, three now living: James, John, and Jane E., now wife of Dr. Greer, of Adamsville. John H., our subject, lives with his father, and has built himself a very neat dwelling-house. He is the youngest of the surviving children, and is a member of the K. of P. His brother Frank married Fannie Brown; Elizabeth married J. B. Close; Della married Frank Brown. Our subject entered in 1879 into the lumber business, and operates a saw-mill near Harmonsburg, adjoining the Greer flouring-mills, where he does work promptly and satisfactorily, the prices being on an equitable basis.

THOMAS McGUIRE, farmer, P. O. Harmonsburg, was born in Beaver Township, this county, December 24, 1806, and is a son of Philip and Catharine (Logan) McGuire. His father came to this county from Ireland at an early day, settling in Beaver Township, and after the war of 1812 removed to Summit Township, where he purchased 300 acres of land, and remained there the rest of his days. His family consisted of six sons and one daughter, all deceased but three sons--William, Philip and Thomas—now aged men, who have seen the progress of this county from its early days, and have succeeded in life. They helped to establish a neat little church of their own faith, the Catholic, in this neighborhood. Thomas McGuire was married June 30, 1836, to Margaret Tinney, who has borne him four sons and one daughter, all living: Bernard (married Eliza Hay), Sylvester (married Samantha, daughter of Almon Whiting), Edward J. (single), Joseph (married Hattie Brown), Amelia (married W. H. Ralph, now in the oil regions). Mr. McGuire has acted as an earnest and efficient School Director.

JAMES C. McGUIRE, farmer, P. O. Harmonsburg, was born in Summit Township, this county, March 30, 1846, and is a son of James and Esther (Close) McGuire, the latter a native of Pennsylvania. James McGuire, our subject's father, came from Ireland at an early day and settled in Crawford County. He was a great hunter in his time and an excellent axman, helping to clear much of the land in his county. He was gifted with great muscular strength. He had been a soldier in the war of 1812, and was a man of much importance in his day. His death occurred July 5, 1884, at the age of ninety-five years. His family numbered ten children, of whom are now living: John, William, Catharine (now Mrs. McDowell), Theresa, David and James C. Our subject's mother is a daughter of Jonathan and Magdalena (Cuncle) Close, who were parents of thirteen children, eight of whom are now living: Samuel, Jeremiah, Daniel, Jonathan, Esther, Rachel, Joel and Susan (see biography of Daniel Close). Our subject was married, in 1876, to Effie Palmanteer, who bore him two daughters: Phy Aurelia and Florence Theresa. He is an active farmer and occupies the old home farm of his father in Summit Township.

N. W. READ, druggist, P. O. Harmonsburg, was born in Wattsburg, Erie Co., Penn., January 20, 1837, and is a son of Timothy and Elizabeth (Carson) Read, the former a native of Massachusetts, the latter of Lancaster County, Penn. His father came to Erie County in 1820, and settled near Wattsburg. He was born in 1796. His family consisted of seven children, of whom six survive. They were: Titus (deceased), Rachel, George, Philander, Timothy, N. W. and Edwin. N. W. Read received his early education in Erie County, and entered upon the study of the profession of a druggist in Venango County, in 1877, and in 1880 came to Harmonsburg, and has ever since been one of the leading druggists. He was married in 1867, to Eliza E., daughter of Homer and Sarah A. Knapp, by whom he has three children: Thaddeus, Martha and Georgiana. He enlisted during the late war in November, 1861, in the One Hundred and Eleventh Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, and served until the battle of Antietam, where he lost his left leg and he was then discharged, and returned home with a very vivid recollection of the trials of a warrior's life. He was elected Justice of the Peace of the village, and is a member of the G. A. R., R. A., and R. T. of T.

GEORGE SITLER, (deceased) was born in Berks County, Penn., February 20, 1798, and was a son of Jacob and Catharine (Foust) Sitler, who came to Crawford County, in 1803, settled first near Conneaut Lake, and then in Mead Township, where they spent the remainder of their days. They raised a family of thirteen children, only one of whom is now living—Mrs. Lydia Custard. George Sitler was married October 16, 1828, to Sarah A. Robins, and they were blessed with four sons and four daughters: Phœbe (deceased); Joseph, now in Iowa, married Miss C. S. Spaulding, of Michigan, by whom he had two children—Henry and Annie L.; Annie E., married Orvis Coates, and is now deceased; Henry L., in Kansas City, married Emma Harper; Jesse, married Mina Beatty; George F., in Kansas, married Maggie Milligan, and has five sons: Jesse G., Fred, Guy, Artie, and an infant; Salome (deceased); Florence Ida, married Rev. J. B. Wright, who died in 1880, has two children: Harry and Florence A. Rev. Mr. Wright had been in charge of the churches of Cooperstown, Springboro, New Lebanon, Mercer County, New Wilmington, Lawrence Co., Penn., and Petersburg, Mahoning Co., Ohio, where he died. His work did not end with his life—"for his works do follow him." He was earnest and faithful unto the last, and leaves an earnest, dutiful wife to care for the treasures he left behind him in his two children. Our subject died May 8, 1883, at his residence near Harmonsburg, on the farm where he had lived for thirty-five years. All his early married life was spent in Meadville, and until he purchased a farm he followed the occupation of a carpenter. Mr. Sitler was of a retiring disposition, mild in character, a lover of peace and of a quiet, sympathetic nature. Those who knew him most loved him best.

A. J. SLOAN, farmer and horse-trainer, P. O. Dicksonburg, was born October 29, 1832, and is a son of Samuel and Elizabeth (Van Horne) Sloan, and a grandson of Cornelius Van Horne, one of the first white men who ever came into this county, and whose singular history will be found elsewhere. Samuel Sloan was a native of this State and came from Chester County, where he was born, to Crawford County, in the year 1811. He was in the war of 1812. He was twice married and had fourteen children. By Mary Thompson, his first wife, he had two sons: John Thompson, and William. By his second wife, Elizabeth Van Horne, he had twelve children: Joseph, O. H. Perry, George W., Margaret, James D., Mary G., Cornelius V. H., Jane V., Harriet V. H., Nancy A., Andrew J., Sarah E. Joseph was killed by lightning, near Meadville,

when sixteen years old. Our subject was married, September 7, 1856, to Margaret, daughter of David and Susannah Johnson. They have nine children: James H., veterinary surgeon; Lewis D., horse-trainer; Hattie I.; Jennie E.; Maggie E.; Minnie Em; Sarah E.; Thomas A. and Cornelius V. H.

DAVID W. SMITH, farmer, P. O. Harmonsburg, was born in what is now Summit Township, September 9, 1822, and is the son of John and Annie (Depew) Smith, the former a native of New Jersey, the latter of Washington County, Penn. His father came to this county in 1797, took up 200 acres of Government land, and had 200 acres given him. He held possession for a year and then returned and soon married and came back to the county, commencing the life of a pioneer. He came to the county on horseback. At that time Pittsburgh was the nearest market town, and there was then a blockhouse at Meadville. He raised a family of nine children, of whom five are now living: William H., John H., Elizabeth (Mrs. Samuel Slocum, in Nebraska), David W., and D. P. Our subject was married May 3, 1849, to Martha C. Luper, by whom he has ten children: Alvarado W., Frank J., Corry, Elmer L., William T., Hugh R., Catharine C., Richard G., T. B. and Susan Eliza. Alvarado W. married Sarah McMillen; Corry married Miss W. Upham; Frank married Emma Williams, of Mercer County, Penn. Our subject has been away from home for about seven years, sinking wells in the oil regions. Mrs. Smith is the eldest of nine children in her father's family, of whom six survive. Our subject has been School Director for nine years; is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and of the R. T. of T. Politically he is a Republican.

ALONZO WHITING, farmer, P. O. Norrisville, was born June 20, 1813, in Pike, Allegany Co., N. Y., and is a son of John and Betsy (Jones) Whiting, the former a native of New Hampshire, the latter of Massachusetts, and who came to this county in the spring of 1837, settled near Harmonsburg, and there passed the remainder of their days. John Whiting was twice married; by his first wife he had six children, viz.: Alonzo, Almon, Sarah, Xenophon (deceased), Alfreda L. and Elizabeth. Our subject was married April 24, 1836, to Angeline, daughter of Hiram Fuller, an old settler of the county. They have been blessed with nine children: Ellen C., Edgar S. (deceased), Marian L., Hiram F., Betsy S. (deceased), Clara B., Cora A. (deceased), John X. and Edgar P. (the second Edgar in the family). Ellen is now Mrs. A. Johnston; Marian is Mrs. E. C. Bradley. Our subject has one of the finest cultivated farms in the township, having the best improvements. He has been a School Director and Road Commissioner for years. In politics he is a Republican.

ALMON WHITING, farmer, P. O. Harmonsburg, was born in Wyoming County, N. Y., February 21, 1815, and is son of John and Betsy (Jones) Whiting, the former of New Hampshire, the latter of Massachusetts. They came to this county in the spring of 1837, settling near Harmonsburg, by the inlet of the lake, and there remained until their deaths. John Whiting had six children by his first wife. Their names are—Alonzo, Almon, Sarah, Xenophon (who died in 1841), Alfreda L. and Elizabeth. By his second wife he had one daughter—Betsy R. Sarah married William Cook, and resides in Missouri; Alfreda L. married J. E. Rice; Elizabeth married Levi Putnam. Betsy R. married J. J. Beatty. Almon, our subject, married, in February, 1838, Cymanthia Nourse, by whom he has two children: Sara E. (now Mrs. Freeland), and Emily A. (now Mrs. C. Adams). The mother of these children died in 1844, and in 1846 our subject married Caroline W. Doud, the second in her father's family of six children. Her family was from Vermont origi-

nally, but she was born in Allegany County, N. Y. Mr. and Mrs. Whiting are the parents of four children: Cymanthia A. (now Mrs. McGuire), Flora L. (now Mrs. Parker), Eva L. (now Mrs. De Arment), and Delia M. Our subject was Postmaster of Harmonsburg for about thirteen years. He has also been Secretary of the Board of School Directors, Assessor, Collector, and Township Clerk, and is now Secretary of the Evergreen Cemetery Association. He is one of the leading citizens of the township.

TITUSVILLE.

HON. GEORGE K. ANDERSON was born at East Waterford, Juniata Co., Penn., September 14, 1834. His father, Enoch Lucius Anderson, who died in 1871, in his seventy-sixth year, was a native of Cumberland County, Penn., and a son of Col. Enoch Anderson, one of five brothers noted for their valor and efficient services while serving in Washington's army throughout the entire Revolutionary war. These brothers settling in Maryland, New Jersey, Tennessee, Kentucky and Pennsylvania, became subsequently prominent and influential men and public officers. Twenty-five members of the family have been elected to the House of Representatives at Washington, and six to the United States Senate. His great-uncle was a member of the United States Senate for a period of eighteen years; his son was also a member of the House of Representatives and United States Senator for Tennessee from 1800 to 1868. His father, E. L. Anderson, resided at East Waterford, Penn., where he reared a family of ten children. He followed the tanning business, and engaged also in agricultural pursuits. In August, 1868, he removed to Titusville, Penn., with his son, and there resided until his death. George K. Anderson remained with his parents in East Waterford, Penn., until July, 1850, when, having thoroughly learned the trade of tanning under his father, he entered upon a course of studies at the Tuscarora Academy, Shade Gap Academy and other schools, pursuing a student's life until 1854. From September, 1854, until September, 1855, he was employed as a clerk in a store at Hollidaysburg, Penn., at which time he entered Duff's Commercial College of Pittsburgh, Penn. Upon the completion of the usual course of studies in that institute he graduated in commercial, banking and railroad book-keeping. As soon as through college he accepted a position as book-keeper and Private Secretary to Kirk & Rhodes, car builders at Rochester, Penn., with whom he remained until the fall of 1858, when he embarked in the wholesale and retail grocery business at Greenville, Penn., under the firm name of Power & Anderson. In the same place he also entered the dry goods business, under the firm name of Anderson & Packard. In this locality and in these undertakings he was actively engaged until September, 1862, when he sold out his interests in order to accept a position as assistant to Gen. W. W. Irwin, Commissary-General of Pennsylvania. He remained in that office until October, 1864, and during most of the time he was Secretary of the Board of Military Claims. Resigning at the latter date, he visited the oil regions, settling at Petroleum Centre October 4, 1864. July 11, 1868, he purchased property at Titusville, and since then has resided there. Upon four different occasions he has been chosen Senatorial Delegate to State Conventions, and was a delegate to the National Convention at Philadelphia which nominated Grant for a second

term. In 1873 he was elected to the Senate from this county, having in Titusville a majority of over 800 ballots on a vote of less than 1,000 in the city. He has been engaged in the producing of oil from the commencement of the oil business until the present time. He was one of the original stockholders of the Northern Pacific Railroad, also the Texas Pacific Railroad. He was married July 5, 1859, to Miss Emma J. Hawkins, only daughter of the late Rev. D. R. Hawkins, of Pittsburgh, Penn., who died August 21, 1864. He was married, the second time, February 18, 1880, to Miss Mary Pauline, youngest daughter of Hiram Hazzard, of Titusville, Penn.

WILLIAM BARNSDALE, oil producer, Titusville, was born February 6, 1810, in Biggleswade, Bedfordshire, England, where he received a select school education, and learned the trade of shoe-maker, which business he followed in England till 1831, when he immigrated to America, landing at New York, where he remained a few months. From New York he came to Carlisle, Penn., and there worked at his trade several months. In 1832 he visited his parents (who had immigrated to America in the fall of 1829), then residing on a farm in the vicinity of Titusville. In 1833 he came to Titusville and commenced his trade, he being the first shoe-maker in the place. This he followed in connection with farming until 1859, in which year the oil excitement broke out. Mr. Barnsdale drilled in the fall and winter of 1859–60 the second oil well (known as the Barnsdale Well) in the country. He was one of a company who, in 1860, erected the first oil refinery in this section. Our subject also drilled, in 1869, three wells in the Bradford District, one of which was a fourteen-barrel-per-day well, the first paying well in that section. Mr. Barnsdale was twice married, on first occasion September 1, 1835, to Eliza Curry, a niece of Jonathan Titus, who died of hydrophobia March 19, 1843, and after whom Titusville was named. Six children were born to this union, two now living: Olivia, wife of P. T. Withrop, and Lucy A., wife of O. H. P. Cleland. Losing this wife, Mr. Barnsdale married, in November, 1846, Fidelia A., daughter of Chauncy Goodrich, of Rome Township, this county. To this union were born Fanny (deceased), Hattie (deceased), Rosa C. (wife of Charles Snakard), N. B., T. N. and W. W. Our subject was elected Mayor of Titusville in 1878, serving two years, then as City Treasurer two years, and has filled various other official positions.

GEORGE W. BARR, M. D., Titusville, was born December 16, 1832, in Sherburne, Chenango Co., N. Y., and is the only child of Charles W. and Almira (Blineberry) Barr, the former a native of Massachusetts, the latter of Holland-Dutch extraction, born in Dutchess County, N. Y., residents at one time of Gowanda, N. Y. Our subject received a common school training, and completed his education at the Springfield Academy. He taught school for several years, and then began reading medicine with Dr. George Sweatland, of Evans, Erie Co., N. Y., and Dr. Charles H. Wilcox, Surgeon of the Marine Hospital, of Buffalo, N. Y., and James P. White, in charge of St. Mary's Lying-in Hospital, where he was the first interne or resident physician, and graduated at the Buffalo Medical College in February, 1856. He attended lectures in Bellevue Medical College, N. Y., and commenced the practice of medicine in 1856, at Gowanda, N. Y., where he remained until 1861, when he was assigned the duty of Examining Surgeon in Gen. R. B. Valkenburg's staff at Elmira, Mustering District, September 15, 1861, and was commissioned Surgeon of the Sixty-fourth New York Volunteers November 13, 1861. From Gowanda, N. Y., he came to Titusville in February, 1865, where he has practiced his profession ever since with marked success, holding a membership in the county and State Medical Society and member of the American Medical Association.

Dr. Barr was twice married, on the first occasion in August, 1858, to Lavinia, daughter of Col. Ira Ayer, of Evans, Erie Co., N. Y. To this union were born three children, only one surviving—Iris—born in Gowanda, N. Y., October 6, 1859, now a graduate of Allegheny College. On the decease of his first wife our subject married Lovinia Hanford, widow of Walden Cooper, by whom she had one son—Walden Harte. By her second marriage she had one child—Eva—born January 31, 1877. The Doctor has filled several offices, and has been member of the School Board and Board of Health. He is President of the Western Pennsylvania Relief Association, and the Corresponding Secretary of Crawford County Medical Society, having been President of the Society in 1876.

HENRY SNOW BATES, architect, Titusville, was born November 27, 1827, in Plymouth County, Mass. The family was founded by Clement Bates, who came from England to this country and settled in Braintree, Mass., in 1736. One of his descendants, Phineas Bates, married a Miss Mary Beal, and passed most of his business life in Cohasset, Mass. Our subject is the seventh son of their family of eleven. He attended the Academy of Leicester, and taught winter terms, preparing for entrance into Middlebury College, of which his uncle, Joshua Bates, D. D., was President. Mr. Bates changed his purpose and became one of the immigrants to California in 1849, making a tedious voyage round Cape Horn. Returning in 1851, he took up the study of architecture, and in the following year superintended the building of Antioch College, Yellow Springs, Ohio, and after that was employed in the construction of fortifications in Boston Harbor for a period of seven years. During the political campaign of 1860 Mr. Bates took an active part in the interest of the Republican cause. In August, 1862, he enlisted in Company F, Forty-third Massachusetts Volunteer Infantry, and was chosen First Lieutenant of the company. On the arrival of his regiment at Newberne, N. C., he was detailed as Quartermaster of the regiment, the duties of which office he discharged during the remainder of the service. Our subject rejoined, as Captain, the Third Regiment Massachusetts Veteran Volunteer Infantry, and was soon appointed Assistant Quartermaster, stationed at Alexandria, Va., and was made manager of a Quartermaster's post at Augusta, Me., where he remained till the close of the war. In 1865 Mr. Bates came to Pennsylvania and engaged in the oil business in Tidioute two years. After being engaged in the erection of public buildings in Warren, Clarion and other places he finally settled permanently in Titusville. Mr. Bates was married, in 1852, to Miss Bethia Ewell, who died in 1865, leaving two sons: Harry S., of Meadville, Penn., and Charles S., of Massachusetts. In 1868 he married Miss Margaret H. May, of Tionesta, Penn, daughter of H. H. May. Four children are the result of this union, viz.: Nannie Brown, Archie Kelly, Fransue May and Mary Beal. Our subject received the Republican nomination for Legislature in 1884, and was elected in the following November by a large majority. He has been actively engaged in the public affairs of Titusville and by his public and private enterprise has contributed to the improvement of its public works.

JAMES H. CALDWELL, the eldest son of seven brothers, was born in Limestone Township, Montour Co., Penn., March 27, 1839, of parents whose occupation was that of farming, passing his early days on the farm and attending the district schools during the winter months. In the years 1858 and 1859 he attended the Milton, Penn., Academy, ending his school days in 1860. His first wages were earned at the age of twenty-one on his father's farm at $9 per month. The following winter he taught a district school. When twenty-two years of age he took charge of his father's farm, doing all

the work for one-fourth of the crops—stock and implements furnished him. The following year he managed one of his father's farms for one-half of the harvest—furnishing his own stock and implements. He came to the oil regions in the year 1865, and soon became actively engaged in drilling wells for crude petroleum. Two years passed, when he became interested in the eighth well before a paying well was obtained. In 1867 he was married to Miss Mary A. Wagner, of Montour County, Penn., and he settled at Pioneer, an oil town in Venango County, and while there he was a member of the firm of Emery Bros. & Co. He moved to Titusville in the year 1869 and built the fine residence now owned by B. E. Moreland, and also carried the half interest in building the Emery & Caldwell Block, which he still owns. In 1873, feeling depressed by the panic, he sold his house, liquidated his obligations, moved to Butler County, and by close attention to producing, soon repaired his losses. In 1876 he went to Virginia and purchased the plantation known as Varina, on the James River, containing 1,312 acres, which he now visits several times a year, to instruct his manager as to the fields he wishes farmed and the mode of farming. In 1877 he moved back to Titusville, and in the spring of 1881 purchased the estate of Jonathan Watson, on which he is now living. His occupation has always been that of farming and oil producing, avoiding speculation in the oil exchanges. His political faith is that the legislation of the country should be for the people, and not for a few classes. He was nominated for the Assembly in the year 1878, and has twice since received the district nomination for Congress. He was elected Mayor of Titusville for years 1882 and 1883. Although he has frequently been a candidate, his candidacy was obtained unsought and by request of his political friends.

JOSEPH TITUS CHASE, Notary Public, Titusville, was born in this city, June 17, 1829; eldest son of the late Joseph L. and Susan J. Chase, and grandson of Jonathan Titus, founder of the city of Titusville. Our subject received preliminary instruction in the common school and was a student at Allegheny College in 1845 and 1846. When not at school, he was engaged in assisting his father in the store and in manufacturing and marketing lumber. In the month of December, 1847, he went to Meadville, Penn., in the employ of Thorp & Gibson and John and James R. Dick, general merchants. In 1854 he was engaged in the wholesale and retail grocery trade with the firm of Finney, Chase & Co. In the fall of 1860 he was elected Prothonotary of Crawford County, serving as such three years. Previous to 1860 he was a member of the Council of the then borough of Meadville, also Deputy Recorder, Deputy Treasurer and Deputy Register of Crawford County. In November, 1864, he removed to Titusville from Meadville and since his return to Titusville has been engaged in mercantile, lumber and oil producing businesses. In 1878 he was appointed Notary Public for a term of three years and was reappointed in 1881 for another term. In 1853 he married Elizabeth, daughter of the late Robert Adrain, of Meadville. In 1867 he was a member of the Legislature of Pennsylvania. In April, 1861, he assisted in getting up a company of volunteers for the war, which company was known as Company F, Ninth Pennsylvania Reserves. In June, July, and August, 1863, he served as an emergency man and was Quartermaster of Fifty-eighth Regiment, Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, and was present at the capture of John Morgan and his command in Ohio, July 25, 1863.

REV. JOHN D. COADY, pastor of St. Titus Church, Titusville, was born in Kildare, near Dublin, Ireland, in October, 1825, and was educated at St. Patrick's College, a branch of the London University. In 1847 he immigrated

to America and came to Pittsburgh, Penn., direct. He then completed his education at St. Mary's College, Baltimore, Md., where he graduated in 1852 and was ordained Deacon by Archbishop Kenuck, assisted by Rev. Michael O'Connor, first Bishop of Pittsburgh. Our subject commenced the labors of the ministry in Potter and McKean Counties, Penn. In November, 1856, he attended the mission in Clearfield County, Penn., and in July, 1863, was created Rector of Erie City by Rt. Rev. Bishop Young. In 1866, Rev. Mr. Coady was appointed Administrator of the Diocese until the accession of Bishop Mullen, Second Bishop of Erie City, Penn. In 1866 our subject went to Oil City, Penn., where he had the charge of St. Joseph's Church until October, 1871, since which time he has been pastor of St. Titus Church, Titusville. By his personal exertions, a heavy load of debt which this church had been laboring under, was wiped off and many additions and improvements were consummated. He also materially assisted toward the building and fitting up of the convent at Titusville.

NORRIS CROSSMAN, grocer, Titusville, was born May 12, 1833, in White Lake, N. Y. At the age of eight years he was put on the canal as mule or horse-driver, which capacity he filled eight years, and then moved with his parents to the neighborhood of Greenfield, Ulster Co., N. Y., and commenced clearing land. At the age of twenty-one he returned to the canal, on which he worked during the summer, following lumbering during winter. This he continued until August, 1861, in which year he enlisted in the Fifty-sixth New York Volunteer Infantry. He was promoted from rank to rank till finally, in August, 1862, he reached a captaincy. He served under Gen. McClellan first, and then under Gen. Q. A. Gillmore in the department of the South, participating in all the battles around Charleston, S. C., including the siege of Fort Sumter. At the close of the war he was sent to Greenville, S. C., to maintain peace between whites and blacks. On December 20, 1865, our subject was mustered out of service at Hart's Island, N. Y., came to Titusville January 1, 1866, and, until November of same year, ran an engine among the oil wells. He next embarked in the grocery business in Titusville and has met with encouraging success. Mr. Crossman was married June 12, 1867, to Carrie Bentley, born in this county in 1848. Six children were born to this union: Elnora, Addie, Ettie, Mabel, Grace and Ethel. Our subject has served two terms in the Common Council; also as Poor Master. In politics he was a Republican till the election of Garfield, when he became a Prohibitionist.

JOHN EASON, miller, Titusville, was born in Somersetshire, England, October 21, 1834. He was there educated at the national and high schools, where he learned, among other things, book-keeping. He also acquired a knowledge of milling from his father, who was a miller by occupation. Our subject married in England when he was eighteen years old, Ann Sly, born in England in 1831. Five children were the result of this union: Robert, a resident of Champaign County, a grain and wood dealer; William, with his father; Joseph, with his father; Lizzie and Martha. In the year of his marriage Mr. Eason came with his young wife to America, direct to Pittsburgh, Penn., where he remained one year; then in Butler County, Penn., eight years, then near Franklin, Venango Co., Penn., seven years, and finally, in 1869, came to this county, where he has been occupied in milling and farming ever since. Our subject is a thorough business man, always to be found at his post. In politics he is a Democrat.

ROBERT G. EDDY, grocer, 311 W. Spring Street, Titusville, was born in Venango County, Penn., in April, 1852; son of Luke and Sarah (Green) Eddy, who came to Venango County, Penn., from New York State, in an early

day. They were parents of eight children, seven now living. Luke Eddy, who was a farmer and carpenter, is deceased. Our subject attended the public schools for a time, also the Main Street High School at Titusville, Penn. He was married in 1872, in Meadville, Penn., to M. Delsenah Proper, born in August, 1853, in Venango Township, this county, daughter of D. D. and Elizabeth (Grove) Proper, of German lineage; former a farmer and oil producer. They were parents of five children, of whom Mrs. Eddy is the eldest. She was educated in the seminary at Clarksville, Penn. Mr. Eddy has carried on a grocery business in Titusville since 1874, and has met with well-merited success.

E. O. EMERSON, oil and gas business, Titusville, was born in York, Me., June 6, 1834; son of Charles O. Emerson, a prominent lawyer in New York, and third cousin of Ralph Waldo Emerson. Our subject graduated from Phillip's Academy, Andover, Mass., in 1850, and in 1855 went to Portage, Wis., where he was engaged in banking several years. At the breaking out of the war in 1861, he joined the service as Lieutenant, acting as Adjutant during the last year. He served till after Lee's surrender, and then came to Titusville, where he has since been extensively and successfully engaged in the oil business. For the past two years our subject has carried on the enterprise of conveying natural gas to Pittsburgh, Penn. The company is known as the Pennsylvania Fuel Company, of which Mr. Emerson is President. He is also interested in stock-raising in Cheyenne County, Kan., in the ice business in Maine, and many other interests. Mr. Emerson was married at Portage, Wis., in 1860, to Lucy H., daughter of John A. Johnson, formerly of Fremont, Ohio, and later a prominent attorney in Portage, Wis. She was born in Fremont, Ohio, September 13, 1842. To this union were born six children, four now living: Charles F., born November 27, 1864; John L., born July 18, 1868; Constance Lucy, born December 31, 1873, and E. O., Jr., born July 21, 1876. Two died in infancy. Mr. Emerson has been an Elder of the Presbyterian Church since 1866. Was President of the Select Council, also President of the Oil Exchange. He owns one of the finest residences in the county. The family have in their possession a book that traces the Emerson genealogy back 600 years.

HON. DAVID EMERY, Titusville, was born September 7, 1837, in Chautauqua County, N. Y. In 1842 his parents emigrated to Michigan, making the journey from New York State by wagon, there being no railroads in that direction in those days. Our subject's early life was that of any pioneer boy —an existence between school and work. After studying at Hillsdale College, Michigan, he read law under Judge Pratt, of that State, but believing that a trade would be more profitable than a profession, he determined to enter a more active business and embarked in milling. In 1866 he came to the oil region of Pennsylvania, commenced operating for oil at Pioneer, removing to Titusville in 1870, where he has since resided. In 1876 he served in the Common Council; was elected Mayor in 1877, and in 1879 was sent to the State Legislature. In politics there is not a stancher or more enterprising Republican in the county, in the interests of which he is an active worker. He is President of the Octave Oil Company, Titusville. Mr. Emery is a self-made man, and by his energy, integrity and generous nature has gained the respect and confidence of business men, and by his public-spirited policy, the esteem of the people of the oil regions.

J. D. HOTTEL, grocer, 25 South Franklin Street, Titusville, was born near Woodstock, Va., August 17, 1822, fourth child and third son in a family of five boys and four girls, three boys and two girls now living. At the age

of six, our subject came with his parents to Bristolville, Ohio, where he was educated at the common schools and brought up on a farm, at the same time learning the trade of carpenter and joiner, which he followed for thirty-two years in Titusville, having come here in 1841. He resided eighteen months in Venango County, Penn., where he was engaged in the manufacture of farming implements. Our subject embarked in the grocery business in Titusville some time in 1872, and has carried it on successfully ever since. Mr. Hottel married, in 1846, in Cherry Tree, Venango Co., Penn., Olivia Fulton, a native of the same locality as her husband, born August 11, 1824. Four children were born to this union: Emeline, deceased; Ruth Elizabeth, deceased; Eva Ann, deceased, and Ella. In politics Mr. Hottel is a Republican.

W. C. HYDE, Cashier Hyde National Bank, Titusville, was born in October, 1813, near Norwich, Conn., son of E. and Diadama (Comstock) Hyde, and at the age of two years moved with his parents to what is now Wyoming County, N. Y., and again in 1838 to Oil Creek Township, this county, where the father and his three sons, E. B., W. C. and Charles, erected mills and commenced general operations in merchandise and lumbering. Here they founded the place known as Hydetown and maintained the partnership for ten years, when they dissolved, our subject and his father remaining together till 1863, in which year the latter died, aged seventy-two. Our subject since that date has continued the "new mill" business, his brother Charles the old business. The other brother, E. B., is engaged in lumbering in Spring Creek, Penn. Mr. Hyde commenced banking in 1868 as Vice-President of the Second National Bank. In 1880 the Hyde National Bank was organized, and he was appointed Cashier, a position he now holds, as well as the Vice-Presidency of the Second National Bank. Charles Hyde is one of the principal stockholders in the Second National Bank, which was organized in 1865, with Charles Hyde President, W. C. Hyde Vice-President, and G. C. Hyde Cashier and "cousin," and is also the principal stockholder in the Hyde National Bank with Charles Hyde President, G. C. Hyde Vice-President, and W. C. Hyde Cashier. The subject of this sketch was twice married, on first occasion to Laura Murray, a native of Allegany County, N. Y., who bore him two daughters: Lena, wife of B. M. Price, now in Pittsburgh, Penn., and Cora, wife of C. M. Hulin, of the firm of Hulin Bros., lumberers, etc., Franklin, Penn. Mr. Hyde's second marriage, on the death of his first wife, was in 1862, with Mrs. M. P. Thornburg, widow of J. D. Thornburg (formerly local editor of the Pittsburgh *Post*), and daughter of J. Doty, of Lake County, Ohio. She had one son by her first marriage.

I. S. JONES, grocer, grain, coal and wood dealer, Titusville, was born on a farm on the shore of Lake Erie, between Westfield and Fredonia, State of New York, February 15, 1834, eldest son of John J. and Charlotte (Culver) Jones, natives of Massachusetts, and both deceased. Our subject received a common school education, and remained on the farm till twenty years of age. He then engaged in the lumbering business on the Allegheny and Ohio Rivers till 1860. In 1863 he came to Titusville and embarked in the grocery business; was also engaged in carriage making and livery. In 1880 he associated the retail coal and wood trade with the grocery. Mr. Jones was twice married, on first occasion January 5, 1860, in Franklin, Penn., to Margaret, daughter of David Warner, of Venango, Penn. One son was born to this union, Orville W., now foreman in his father's grocery. On the decease of this wife our subject married, in 1866, Rosa, daughter of Scofield Bassett, of Coldwater, Mich., born in 1846. To this union were born Mabel, Irving and Ernest. Mrs. Jones is a graduate of Coldwater College, Michigan. She has kept the

books for her husband's store eight years. Our subject is the owner of some twenty pieces of property in Titusville and 500 acres of land in another part of the State. In politics he is a Democrat.

GEORGE F. KUNTZ, proprietor of "Erie Hotel" (established 1874), North Franklin Street, Titusville, was born March 19, 1836, in Konigreich, Wurtemberg, Germany, son of Gottlieb Kuntz. After receiving a common school education he served six years in the German Army. Coming to America in the spring of 1865, our subject landed in New York, and there learned the baker's trade, which he followed till 1874. He came to Titusville in 1868, and was the first manufacturer of pretzels in the city. He made them in the same hotel he now occupies from 1868 to 1870, and then built the Vienna Bakery at 111 East Walnut Street, which he operated till 1874, and which he still owns. In 1873 Mr. Kuntz bought the "Erie House" from John Rickert for $6,000, and took possession in 1874. This hotel he rebuilt completely in 1880, at an outlay of $5,000. Our subject has carried on the "Erie House" successfully, having proved himself a most courteous, attentive and popular landlord. On October 2, 1883, he bought the Titusville Tannery, head of Washington Street, which is in full running power and doing a prosperous business. Mr. Kuntz was married in Titusville, May 9, 1869, to Mathilde Krehl, who bore him five children, viz.: George, Henry, William, Frederick and David.

W. P. LOWE, hotel-keeper, Titusville, was born in Baldwinsville, Onondaga Co., N. Y., April 25, 1832. He was reared partly in his native county and partly in Oswego County, N. Y. He attended the common schools in winter and in summer was engaged in lumbering, boating and farming. For two years he carried on a grocery business at Phœnix, N. Y., and for six years a hotel in Shamburg, Venango County, Penn.; two years. Was also a producer some six months, meeting with considerable success. In 1872 he came to Titusville, where he embarked in the refining business one year, and where he became a member of the firm composed of Theo Barnsdall, W. P. Lowe and B. G. Hinkley, who erected a refinery, known as the Barnsdall Refinery. Mr. Lowe has been interested as a producer. He also carried on a retail liquor business from 1878 to 1882, since which year he has been proprietor of the "Mansion House," Titusville, which, under his good management, has a widespread reputation as a first-class hotel. Our subject was married in 1856 to Rebecca J., daughter of Sir A. Tracy, of Hinmansville, N. Y. To this union were born Alfred C., May Louise, and an infant, the latter deceased. Mr. Lowe has been a member of the School Board; is now a City Councilor. He is a member of the I. O. O. F., the A. O. U. W. and is a F. & A. M.

Z. MARTIN, hotel-keeper, Titusville, was born in Charlotte, Vt., August 31, 1823, the third child living of a family of six, of Scotch and English parentage. He moved to Chautauqua County, N. Y., with his parents when he was six years of age, there remaining until fourteen years old. He was brought up to the trade of tanner and currier, which he learned at Buffalo, with Ramsay & Howard, now Bus & Howard, a business he spent twenty years at, and in 1860 came to Titusville, engaging as Superintendent for Barnsdall, Mead & Rouse in the oil business, one year, then with the Boston Rock Oil Company, near Oil City, some eighteen months. In 1843 Mr. Martin went into the hotel business, which he followed in various places. He kept the "Kent House," Lakeview, Chautauqua Co., N. Y.; was at the "Centennial" five months; had the "Mansion House," Titusville, from 1868 to 1882, and since then the "Hotel Brunswick," Titusville. Our subject was married in 1850, at Jamestown, Chautauqua Co., N. Y., to Ellen A., daughter of

Lewis and Anna Hazzard. Three children were born to this union: Lena May, wife of S. D. Robison, of Pittsburgh, Penn.; L. L., manager of his father's hotel, and Anna Belle (deceased) wife of W. J. Jackson, of Florida.

REV. FATHER MIGNAULT, Titusville, was born September 17, 1826, in the Parish of St. Denis, on the banks of the River Richelieu, Canada East (now Province of Quebec), son of Joseph E. and Libere (Menard) Mignault. He received at his baptism the names Joseph Edouard Napoleon. His classical studies commenced at the College of St. Hyacinthe, Canada East, but after three years his health failed and he had to return home. He then devoted himself to the study of law for eighteen months under Lord Deschambeault. An accident, however, brought him to the brink of the grave, and in thanking God for his unexpected recovery, he promised and vowed his services to the church. In the fall of 1843 he resumed his studies in Chambly College, Canada East. On the closing of this institution at the end of twelve months, Father Mignault went to the little seminary of St. Therese. There he finished his philosophy, took the livery of the Lord, and was tonsured in 1847 by Bishop J. J. Prince, Coadjutor of Montreal. Monseigneur Gingues, having been appointed Bishop of Ottawa, Canada West, and working actively for the foundation of St. Joseph's College, this young ecclesiastic was sent from the Sulpician Seminary at Montreal to Ottawa, for the purpose of exercising the important function of Rector and Econome. He then joined the Order of Fathers Oblates, and was raised to the dignity of the priesthood, October 14, 1849. His health failing him in the course of that year, he was sent as Pastor to L'Original on the Ottawa River, Canada East, and again recalled to preside over St. Joseph's College. Our subject's health once more failed, however, and he had to be conveyed to the hospital. After three months' assiduous care on the part of the Sisters of Charity, he was able to move to Boston, Mass., where he was restored to health. Here he labored in the ministry for six years with untiring energy. He then came to Wisconsin, accepting some missions in the Diocese of Milwaukee, which he ministered in until the Civil war broke out, when he acted as Chaplain to the Seventeenth Wisconsin Infantry for three years. Serious illness again attacked this indefatigable servant of the Cross, and he had to be conveyed home to Canada in a dying condition, but strange to say, he again recovered. His next field was in the Diocese of Erie, Penn., as Pastor of Titusville, and here he even surpassed himself in good works. He built a church, a schoolhouse, a pastorate, enlarged the church, put in a chime of bells, erected a convent and St. Joseph's Hall, and in 1871 bought for the church the grandest organ in western Pennsylvania. When all this had been accomplished, owing to his growing infirmities, the Bishop considered it advisable to remove him to another field of usefulness, but Father Mignault resigned and returned to his native country to rest. After a time he crossed the ocean and visited Rome, Ireland, England, France, Switzerland, Germany and Belgium. He spent three months in the Eternal City and had the honor of two audiences of the Holy Father. Our subject was distinguished throughout for his great zeal, energy and simplicity, and is uniformly respected by all classes and creeds. He now resides in Titusville, presiding over the collegiate institute of which he is the founder.

REV. HENRY PURDON, pastor of the Episcopal Church, Titusville, is a native of Dublin, Ireland, born August 15, 1835. He came to the United States in 1854. His early educational training was acquired in his mother country, and soon after his arrival in New York he entered the junior class of Union College, from which he graduated in 1857. In the same year he entered the Theological Seminary of Virginia, graduating in 1859, and in July of that

year was ordained to the Deaconate of the Protestant Episcopal Church. He then went to China, but returned in 1860, and settled for a time near Philadelphia. On April 6, 1863, he was ordained to the priesthood and received the degree of Doctor of Divinity from the faculty of the theological seminary of the Diocese of Ohio, June 29, 1876. Coming to the oil regions, he held his first service in the church in Titusville June 8, 1862, and has since held the rectorship of St. James' Memorial Church in the city. Rev. H. Purdon was married in October, 1869, to a daughter of the late Rev. Reuben Tinker, of Westfield, N. Y. By this union two daughters have been born: Marina Louisa and Alice Rodney. Their oldest child, Harry Sidney, born September 14, 1870, entered into rest June 8, 1872.

DR. WALTER BROOKS ROBERTS was born in Moreau, Saratoga Co., N. Y., May 15, 1823. His ancestors have been distinguished in both military and diplomatic circles in both hemispheres. The earlier education of our subject was acquired at the district schools of his native place, while he was engaged assisting on his father's farm. In his seventeenth year he became a clerk in a banking office in Albany, N. Y., but owing to feeble health was obliged to abandon the situation, and returned to his home. In 1841, for the purpose of preparing himself for a teacher, he entered the Academy at Evans' Mills, Jefferson Co., N. Y., and subsequently took charge of a district school at Northumberland, Saratoga County. He was thus employed during the following four years, pursuing during the summer months a course of mathematics at the Glen Falls Academy, and beginning a course of medicine with Dr. Sheldon, of the same place. Afterward he devoted himself to the practice of dentistry, traveling through New Hampshire in the summer of 1845, returning to Poughkeepsie, N. Y., where he established himself permanently. In 1850 he passed a few weeks on the island of Cuba. On his return he sold his interest in the dental establishment and practiced his profession in the principal towns of Dutchess County. In 1853 he visited Nicaragua, Central America, and became engaged in the purchase and shipping of hides, but soon returned to New York and organized a commercial and trading company, under the name of Churchill, Roberts, Mills & Co., in which he was largely successful. Later he associated himself with his brother, Dr. E. A. L. Roberts, and opened a handsome dental office in New York City, finally purchased the entire establishment and located on Bond Street, where he continued in active practice until 1868. While thus occupied he was editor of the New York *Dental Journal*, and was one of the prime movers in the establishment of the New York Dental College, of which institution he is still a Trustee. In 1863 he was appointed by Rev. Dr. Bellows, to visit Gen. Hunter's division, then at Beaufort, S. C., and examine into its sanitary condition. After this was accomplished, in company with his brother, he became interested in the manufacture of blasting torpedoes, and in 1865 the Roberts Petroleum Torpedo Company was organized; in 1866 he was elected Secretary, and in 1867 its President, which position he still holds. In the summer of 1867 he made a tour of Europe, and in the following year removed to Titusville, Crawford Co., Penn., where he has since resided. Dr. Roberts did much to destroy the huge monopoly, the Southern Improvement Company. When the Buffalo & Titusville Railroad was inaugurated he subscribed $50,000 to its capital stock, and became President of the company. In 1866 he was a member of the Common Council of the city of New York. In 1872 he was elected Mayor of Titusville. In December of the same year, in company with John Porter and L. B. Silliman, he organized the banking company of Roberts & Co., one of the flourishing moneyed institutions of western Pennsylvania. In 1877 he was elected

member of the Pennsylvania House of Representatives, and in the following year was sent by his constituency to a seat in the Senate. Dr. Roberts has been identified with many important movements in Titusville for the improvement and beautifying of the city, which bears many evidences of his enterprise and liberality. He was married, in 1858, to Emily W. Titus, daughter of Erastus Titus, of New York.

DR. NELSON SMITH (deceased) was born in Durham, Greene Co., N. Y., June 13, 1791, was a son of Elijah Smith, a native of New York State, and of English parentage. Our subject was brought up on a farm, and in 1811 he married, in Durham, N. Y., Polly West, a native of Trumbull, N. Y., born February 18, 1792, a daughter of Elijah West, also a native of New York State, and on March 3, 1816, they moved from Durham to Crawford County, Penn. (taking over two months to accomplish the journey), settling on a farm in Hayfield Township, where they spent the remainder of their lives. That portion of the county was then an almost unbroken wilderness, and for miles around devoid of schools, churches, mills, stores, in fact, remote from business places of any kind, so the early settlers found it indispensable to adapt themselves to several trades and professions. Dr. Smith took up the shoemaking, carpentering and blacksmithing, and for many years did the doctoring in his own family and for what few neighbors there were in that part of the county. As the settlers began to increase in numbers a school was opened, and a society of the Methodist Episcopal Church was formed. There were but few preachers or exhorters in the county, so preaching was held only at long intervals. Dr. Smith being a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, the Conference gave him a license as a local preacher, and for more than forty years he preached in all parts of Crawford and adjacent counties. When the homœopathic practice was introduced into his section the Doctor became a convert to that system of medicine, and procuring the necessary books, studied under Dr. Owen and others. He became a good, practical, common-sense physician, and enjoyed a large practice as long as he was able to ride. Mrs. Smith prepared and spun the woolen and linen yarns ready for the loom, and when woven she dyed the cloth, cut and made all the clothes for her large family. She was the kindest and best of wives and mothers. No one who knew her ever spoke an unkind word of her. Dr. and Mrs. Smith were the parents of ten children—two daughters and eight sons—all now living but two: Emeline, the eldest, first married David Bixby (her second husband was Rev. I. O. Fisher, who is also dead, and Mrs. Fisher is now living with her son near Pontiac, Mich.); John E. was married to Jane Beatty (she is now dead, and he is living with one of his sons in Toledo, Ohio); Nelson J. is living with his second wife on a farm near the old homestead; Jesse married Elizabeth J. Smith, and they now live in the city of Titusville, Penn. (he has been a member of the Legislature and Treasurer of the county, and is now engaged with his son E. N. in the oil business); Dr. Ephraim is now living in Boise City, Idaho, practicing medicine; James is living on the old homestead with his third wife (*nee* Miss Lydia Rundal); it is a fine home now; Betsey, married John B. McDowel (they are living at Dicksonburg, Penn.); Ensign H. married, for his first wife, Mrs. Maria Conkey, and she dying he married Miss Bell Gilmon (he died in the prime of life, beloved by all); Rev. George W. S. is living with his second wife on a farm at Blue Island, near Chicago; Irus H. died soon after graduating from Allegheny College (he had a bright prospect of a useful life, but was cut off by the hand of death before he had fairly entered manhood; he was a noble boy). Dr. Smith and his wife lived to see all their large family, with the exception of the two mentioned,

settled in life. They lived to see the county settled up, and took great comfort in visiting among the first settlers, recounting their troubles and joys. Dr. Smith died November 16, 1868, in his seventy-ninth year. Polly Smith, his wife, died November 17, 1871, in her eightieth year. This world was better for this noble couple having lived in it. They went to their reward in peace.

T. J. STEWART (deceased) was born in Randolph, this county, in 1808, and came to Titusville about 1832. His parents were of Scotch-Irish extraction and Presbyterians. He was married in 1837 to Mary Burns (now widow of John Watson, deceased), born May 11, 1814, near Greensburg, Westmoreland Co., Penn., and daughter of Nathan and Susanna (Lofland) Burns. To this union were born three sons and one daughter, viz.: Archibald, engaged in constructing oil wells, J. B., T. J., and Susan, who owns a valuable central property on Franklin Street, Titusville, where she and her mother reside. T. J. Stewart dying, his widow married, October 20, 1853, John Watson, a farmer, born in 1804, died in 1882. Our subject filled in his life time several township offices.

JAMES P. THOMAS, elected Mayor of Titusville, on the Republican ticket, February 19, 1884, was born in the town of Stafford, Genesee Co., N. Y., June 27, 1840. His early life was passed upon a farm, with winter schooling, until he was fifteen years old, when he entered a dry goods store at Batavia, N. Y., where he remained as clerk until the fall of 1860, when he began the study of law in the office of the Hon. George Bowen, Batavia. In August, 1861, he enlisted as a private in Company E, One Hundred and Fifth Regiment, New York Volunteers, at Le Roy. This regiment was decimated to such an extent that in the fall of 1863 it was consolidated at Belle Plain with the Ninety-fourth Regiment, New York Volunteers, taking the name of the latter. Mr. Thomas was promoted for meritorious services to Second Lieutenant in November, 1863, and to First Lieutenant in August, 1864. He took part in the many engagements in which this battle-scarred regiment participated and was wounded both at Antietam and at Gettysburg. He was taken prisoner August 19, 1864, at the Weldon Railroad, near Petersburg, Va., and experienced the horrors of life in Libby prison, at Salisbury, N. C., and at Danville, Va. He was paroled February 22, 1865, and after being exchanged, returned to active service, where he remained until mustered out at the close of the war. In 1865 he came to Titusville and engaged in the business of producing oil, which he has followed more or less since that time; was also connected for fifteen years with the Roberts Torpedo Company. Mr. Thomas has now retired from business, and having consented to accept the nomination for Mayor of this city, was elected by an overwhelming vote, an unmistakable evidence of his popularity at his home.

FRANK W. TRUESDELL, printer, Titusville, was born June 16, 1857, at Warren, Ohio, where he learned the trade of printing. In 1880 he moved to Titusville, and purchased the *Sunday World* printing establishment in March, 1882. Mr. Truesdell is at present publishing the *Sunday World.*

WILLIAM VARIAN, physician and surgeon, Titusville, was born in Sidney, Ohio, October 11, 1832; son of an Episcopal clergyman; his mother was a member of the Atlee family, of Lancaster, Penn. Our subject was educated at St. Paul's College, Long Island, and studied medicine at the Pennsylvania Medical College, Philadelphia, from which he graduated in March, 1854. He commenced practice in Pittsburgh, Penn., but after a year he removed to Chicago, where he remained until 1861, in which year he entered the army. During

the war of the Rebellion he held the position of Medical Director north Missouri, of the First Division, Pope's army, and central Kentucky (1861–62). In 1862 he was Medical Director of the Army of Kentucky; Assistant Medical Director Department of the Cumberland; Superintendent of Hospitals, District of the Cumberland; Chief of the Medical Transportation Department of the Cumberland (1863-64); Surgeon-in-Chief of the Dennison V. S. Army General Hospital (1864); and Surgeon-in-Chief of Evanston Hospital (1865). In September, 1865, our subject established himself in Titusville in general practice, giving special attention, however, to surgery, in which branch of his profession he has performed many of the major operations and acquired a special reputation as an ovariotomist. The Doctor was the first to suggest hypodermic use of ergot with morphia in cases of cholera and choleraic diarrhœa. In 1867 the Doctor was elected a member of Crawford County Medical Society, of which he was President in 1871; is a member of the State Medical Society, of which he was President in 1883, and the American Medical Society. Dr. Varian was married in 1857 to Ann E., daughter of Dr. Litchfield, of Connecticut, and niece of Hon. Chauncey F. Cleveland, ex-Governor of Connecticut. Six children were born to this union: Eliza Atlee, Helen Louise (deceased), Mary Litchfield, William Cleveland (deceased), Cleveland (deceased), and Helen Cleveland. Our subject is an active member of the Episcopal Church. In politics he is a Republican.

T. J. YOUNG, M. D., Titusville, is a native of Germany, born at Neustadt A. D. Haardt in the Palatinate, Bavaria, December 13, 1834, eldest son of Col. David Young, at that time Royal Engineer and Architect under King Ludwig, of Bavaria. The father and son participated in the rebellion of 1848–49, and the family fled to France, where they remained until May, 1850; then emigrated to the United States and settled in Baltimore. Shortly afterward Col. Young was appointed to the United States Coast Survey, and Theodore J. removed to Philadelphia to pursue his studies. In 1854 he settled in Meadville, Penn., and devoted himself to the study of medicine. He attended the Cleveland Medical College, 1860–61, and was then appointed by the State of Pennsylvania Assistant Surgeon for three years or until the close of the war. He was assigned to the One Hundred and Twenty-fourth Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, and then to the Seventh Pennsylvania Veteran Volunteer Cavalry. During the service he was on the staffs of Col. Minty and Gen. Hatch, and acted as Surgeon in Charge of hospitals in Huntsville and Eufaula, Ala. From among the many letters on file in the State Department, and from the "special orders"—all testifying to Dr. Young's efficiency in the discharge of duty, and skill in his profession, space here will only admit of following extracts: "Headquarters First Brigade, Second Cavalry Division, Department Cumberland, near Atlanta—Assistant Surgeon Theodore J. Young, Seventh Pennsylvania Cavalry, now in charge of the hospital of this brigade, has been on duty either in the field with his regiment or in charge of the hospital of this command for something more than a year past. * * * I have found him attentive to business, efficient in the discharge of duty and skillful in his profession. G. W. Fish, Surgeon First Brigade, Second Cavalry Division, Department Cumberland, 1864." * * * "In camp and on the march he never tires in his attention to the sick, and on the battle-field performs his duties regardless of personal safety. He operates well and displays the test of judgment in the diagnosis and treatment of diseases. S. E. Mumford, Medical Director Second Cavalry Division, near Atlanta, 1864, Army Cumberland." * * * "Assistant Surgeon Theodore J. Young, Seventh Pennsylvania Cavalry, has been in my command nearly a year. He stands deservedly

high in his branch of the service. H. Garrard, Brigadier-General Commanding Division." Dr. Young was honorably mustered out of service at the close of the war, October, 1865, and immediately located in Titusville, Penn., and entered upon the practice of his profession. In 1867 he removed to Philadelphia, where he matriculated at the University of Pennsylvania, and graduated in 1868, after which he returned to Titusville, where he has since resided in continuous practice. The Doctor has been surgeon for the railroads centering in Titusville for many years, and has held the appointment of County Physician several years. As a member of the Crawford County Medical Society he has served as its President, and five years as Secretary and Treasurer, and is a permanent member of the State Medical Society and the American National Medical Society. Dr. Young was married in 1858 to Miss Sarah S. McFarland, eldest daughter of Col. James E. McFarland, of Meadville, Penn.

TROY TOWNSHIP.

GEORGE W. ALTENBURG, farmer, P. O. Troy Centre, was born in Chautauqua County, N. Y., December 21, 1838, son of George H. and Mary (Carn) Altenburg, early settlers in this county. Our subject purchased land in this township in 1861, upon which he now resides and which he has greatly improved by clearing, high cultivation, erection of buildings, etc. Mr. Altenburg was married, October 1, 1862, to Miss Mary Hopkins, a native of Steuben Township, this county, and daughter of Daniel and Margaret (Kingsley) Hopkins, who were early settlers in this county. To this union were born three sons and six daughters, viz.: Nora A., Emma B., Lillie M., Carrie M., Floyd G., Bertie L., Arthur E., Alta and Pearl. Our subject served nine months during the war of the Rebellion in Company C, One Hundred and Sixty-ninth Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry. He has filled some of the township offices. In politics he is independent.

JOHN W. ALTENBURG, farmer, P. O. Townville, is a native of Troy Township, this county, born March 7, 1841; son of George H. and Mary (Carn) Altenburg, natives of New York State, and who settled in Troy Township in 1840. They were parents of eight children. Mr. Altenburg died in 1876, his wife in 1864. Our subject purchased land in this township in 1861, on which he now resides, and has added to same till he now owns 235 acres, well improved with good buildings, etc. Mr. Altenburg married, December 22, 1867, Miss Sophrona Higbee, of this township, born in Allegany County, N. Y., June 15, 1842, daughter of David B. and Clarissa F. (Titchenor) Higbee, also natives of New York State, where Mrs. Higbee died in 1849. Mr. Higbee moved to this county in 1853 and is now residing here. To our subject and wife have been born three children: Ernest W., born August 25, 1869; Gracie M., born May 3, 1879; and Lucy, born June 30, 1883. Mr. Altenburg served nine months in the war of the Rebellion, in Company C, One Hundred and Fiftieth Regiment Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry. In politics he is a stanch Republican.

JOHN ARMSTRONG, farmer, P. O. Plum, Venango County, is a native of Troy Township, this county, born February 7, 1809; son of Joseph and Anna (Daniels) Armstrong, of Irish and English descent, and natives of Westmoreland

County, Penn., where they were married. In 1799 they came to this county, cleared up a farm and reared a family of eleven children, of whom but two are now living: Polly and John. Mrs. Armstrong died here August 12, 1825, aged fifty-eight years. Mr. Armstrong died August 5, 1850, aged ninety-three. On the death of his father our subject became owner of land in this township, which he has cleared and in many ways improved. He has followed farming all his life. Mr. Armstrong was married three times, on first occasion in 1834, to Miss Elizabeth Battin, of Venango County, Penn., who bore him one daughter—Mary J. On the death of this wife, in 1836, our subject took for his second, in 1840, Miss Mary J. Wilson, of this county, and to this union were born five children, three now living: Penina, Martha and Hannah. Their mother died in 1851, and in 1858 Mr. Armstrong became united in marriage with Jane Gillaspy, of this county, daughter of Robert and Margaret (Salmon) Gillaspy. Our subject is a member of the Methodist persuasion. In politics a Democrat.

JONATHAN BENN, farmer, P. O. Troy Centre, was born in Mead Township, this county, April 5, 1810; son of Jonathan and Elizabeth (Wilkins) Benn, natives of Maryland and Pennsylvania respectively, both of Irish descent. They were married in Westmoreland County, Penn., and in 1805 moved to this county, settling first in Mead Township, then in 1811 moving to Troy Township, where they purchased several hundred acres of timber land, a considerable portion of which they cleared. They were parents of a large family, four only now living: Benjamin T., Elizabeth W., Isabella and Jonathan. The father died in 1855, the mother in 1844. Our subject became owner, in 1832, of land in this township, on which he now resides and carries on general farming; has also done some business at blacksmithing and shoemaking. He was twice married, on first occasion August 23, 1833, to Miss Elizabeth Wintom, a native of Rome Township, Crawford County, and daughter of Samuel and Margaret (Coil) Wintom, early settlers of this county, both deceased. To this union were born thirteen children, nine of whom survive. Mrs. Benn dying April 10, 1869, our subject became united in marriage in 1871 with Mrs. Eliza (Luce) Williams, a native of this township, daughter of James and Elizabeth (Parr) Luce, who were the first settlers in this township. Mrs. Benn was first married to William Williams, who died in 1858, and by whom she had a large family. She is a member of the Baptist Church. Mr. Benn is a Wesleyan Methodist. In politics a Prohibitionist. He is said to be the oldest temperance man in this county, and was a member of the first temance society organized in the county.

GODFREY E. GHERING, farmer, P. O. Troy Centre, was born in Venango County, Penn., September 23, 1846; son of Christian and Christiana (Link) Ghering, natives of Germany, who immigrated to America in 1832 and settled in Venango County, Penn., where they reared their family and where Mr. Ghering died, August 2, 1877. His widow still resides there. Our subject, who has followed agriculture all through life, purchased 106 acres of land in Troy Township, this county, in 1875, which he has cleared and otherwise improved and on which he now lives. He married, December 22, 1874, Miss Maggie E. Hamilton, also a native of Venango County, Penn., born March 3, 1845, daughter of James and Margaret (Hamilton) Hamilton, also natives of Venango County, and of Scotch-Irish descent. Mr. Hamilton died in the same county, on November 22, 1853. His widow is now living there. To Mr. and Mrs. Ghering were born three sons: Ralph I., Clifford H. and James C. Our subject and wife are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church. In politics he is a Democrat.

JAMES C. HIGLEY, farmer, P. O. Townville, was born in Athens Township, this county, August 10, 1840; son of Sylvester and Eliza (Vanderhoff) Higley, natives of Connecticut and Massachusetts, and of Dutch and Irish descent, respectively. They were married in this county, reared a family of five children, and here Mr. Higley died in September, 1858. His widow still resides in the county. Our subject began business by purchasing land in Athens Township, this county, in 1858, which he cleared and farmed, and in 1865 he bought land in Troy Township, where he now lives and on which he has completed many valuable improvements. Mr. Higley served two years during the war of the Rebellion in Company B, Eighteenth Regiment, Pennsylvania Cavalry, and passed safely through several fiery engagements. He was married February 19, 1859, to Miss Julia A. Lillybridge, of Mead Township, this county, a native of New York State, born in 1844, daughter of Edward and Paulina Lillybridge, early settlers in this county, former of whom is deceased, latter now residing in this county. To Mr. and Mrs. Higley have been born one son and one daughter: Alvin E. and Eva J. Mrs. Higley is a member of the Baptist Church. Our subject is a member of the G. A. R. In politics he is a Republican.

JOHN KOPF, farmer, P. O. Troy Centre, is a native of Germany, born March 7, 1825; son of Jacob and Julia (Saur) Kopf, also natives of Germany, where Mrs. Kopf died. The father of our subject came to America in 1851 and settled at Buffalo, N. Y., where he died in 1860. Our subject came to this country in 1846, and settled in Buffalo, N. Y., where he carried on coopering for fifteen years, and in 1861 moved to this county, where he followed his trade about ten years. In 1863 he purchased land in Troy Township, this county, which he has greatly improved and on which he now resides. Mr. Kopf was married, November 30, 1850, to Miss Mary A. Walker, a native of Buffalo, N. Y., born February 26, 1835, daughter of John and Catharine (Kress) Walker, both of German birth, and who immigrated to America in 1837, settling in Buffalo, N. Y., where they died. To our subject and wife have been born four sons and six daughters, viz.: John J., Alexander A., William H., Philip M., Christena, Catharine, Mary E., Julia, Maudie A. and Bessie L. Mr. and Mrs. Kopf are members of the Lutheran Church. In politics he is a Democrat.

ROBERT S. McCURDY, farmer, P. O. Hydetown, is a native of Pennsylvania, born September 19, 1809, and settled in this county in 1852, having purchased a farm in Troy Township, where he now resides. He has devoted his time to the improvement of his property and general agriculture; he also gave his attention for several years to the carpenter trade. Mr. McCurdy was married in 1832 to Martha Sharp, of Lawrence County, this State, who bore him twelve children—eight now living: John, James, Sharp, Mary A., Rebecca, Cassius, Lienus and Robert. Mrs. McCurdy departed this life in May, 1881. Our subject is a member of the United Presbyterian Church. In politics he is an old-time Republican.

JOHN P. MONNIN, farmer and grocer, P. O. Plum, Venango County, was born in France, January 6, 1821, son of Nicholas and Catharine (Countes) Monnin, who died in Randolph Township, this county. Our subject immigrated to America in 1827, and after remaining two years in Pittsburgh, Penn., he came to this county, and settled in Mead Township; thence went to Randolph Township, this county, and in 1858 purchased land there, on which he erected a gristmill, which he operated until 1865. Mr. Monnin then went to Ohio, and remained in Mentor seven years, when he returned to this county, and settled in Troy Township, where he has engaged in agricultural pursuits since. He

has also devoted some attention to the grocery business on a small scale. Our subject was married in 1845 to Miss Louisa Deamason, also a native of France, who came with her parents to this county in 1832, settling in Mead Township, where she was reared and where her parents died. To Mr. and Mrs. Monnin were born three children: John P., Nicholas and Mary. Our subject and wife are members of the Roman Catholic Church. In politics he is now a Greenbacker, formerly a Democrat.

AMOS S. PATTERSON, farmer, P. O. Diamond, Venango County, was born in this township, May 2, 1845, son of Thomas and Elizabeth (McCalmont) Patterson, natives of Pennsylvania, of Irish and German descent. They were married in Lawrence County, Penn., and came to this county in 1843. Mrs. Patterson died in March, 1884, aged sixty-two years; Mr. Patterson is now in his sixty-ninth year. Our subject purchased land in this township in 1871, and this he is clearing, and here now resides. Mr. Patterson was married July 19, 1881, to Miss Ida J. Martin, of Venango County, Penn., where she was born February 28, 1863, daughter of Thomas and Sarah (Smith) Martin, early settlers in Venango Township, and where Mr. Martin now lives (his wife died a few years since). To our subject and wife was born one daughter—Bessie G.—who died at the age of fifteen months. Mrs. Patterson is a member of the United Brethren Church. In politics Mr. Patterson is a Republican.

JAMES C. PRATHER, farmer, P. O. Troy Centre, was born in Venango County, Penn., February 26, 1842; son of Thomas and Mary A. (McCalmont) Prather, also natives of Venango County, of German and Scotch descent. They were reared and married in their native county; were parents of eight children, viz.: Ann, John M., Henry R., James C., Sarah L., Nancy E., George W. and William L.; last named deceased in infancy. The father died in April, 1875, aged sixty-six, the mother in March, 1879, aged sixty-four. Our subject came to this county in 1860, and settled on land in Troy Township, which was purchased by his father, and where our subject now resides, and has made many valuable improvements, such as clearing, erecting buildings, etc. He has now about 400 acres, which range in value from $15 to $100 per acre. The live-stock on the farm consists of good Durham and Jersey bloods. Mr. Prather was married, March 28, 1867, to Mrs. Emma (Hofford) Benn, of this county, a native of Mercer County, Penn., born May 1, 1840, and daughter of Jesse and Hettie (James) Hofford, natives of Pennsylvania, of German and Scotch descent, and who came to this county in 1827, where Mr. Hofford followed coopering, then, in 1830, moved to Mercer County, Penn., where they both died, he in 1847, his widow in 1848. Their daughter, Emma, married, in 1862, Samuel E. Benn, a native of this county, a farmer by occupation, son of Jonathan and Elizabeth (Wintom) Benn. He died in 1864. They had one daughter—Effie W.—born October 21, 1862. To our subject and wife were born two sons and two daughters, viz.: Virgil H., Frank L., Emma L. and Anna, all now living. Mr and Mrs. Prather are members of the Baptist Church of Townville, Penn. He has served in many township offices; was Justice of the Peace ten years; Auditor nine years; in politics he is a Democrat.

JONATHAN B. REYNOLDS, farmer, P. O. Hydetown, is a native of this township, born December 25, 1810; son of John and Maria (Brown) Reynolds, who were among the first settlers in this county. Our subject resides on the old homestead where he was born, and has given his entire life to farming. He has improved the property considerably in way of clearing, erecting buildings, etc. Mr. Reynolds was twice married, in 1830 to Miss Julia A. Armstrong, of this county, a native of same, and whose parents were early settlers

in this county. She was the mother of five children, viz.: Jonathan, Mary, Eveline, Charlotte, and Joseph. Mrs. Reynolds dying December, 1843, our subject married, in 1845, Miss Eliza J. Titus, of this township, daughter of Samuel and Mary (Titus) Titus, all of this county. To this union were born eight children, viz.: Simon, Alva, Crawford, David C., Charles L., Martha, Emma and Amanda. In politics Mr. Reynolds is a Greenbacker.

GEORGE W. RHODES, farmer, P. O. Townville, is a native of Saratoga County, N. Y., born March 7, 1804; son of John and Sybil (Edmonds) Rhodes, natives of Washington County, N. Y., and who both died in their native State. Our subject moved in 1831 to Cattaraugus County, N. Y., where he remained twenty-one years, and in 1852 moved to Pennsylvania, settling in Troy Township, this county, where he still resides. He was married, December 29, 1829, to Miss Harriet Holden, a native of Saratoga County, N. Y., born January 12, 1812, and daughter of Jonathan and Sallie (Owen) Holden, natives of Massachusetts, and early settlers of Saratoga County, N. Y., where they lived and died. To our subject and wife were born nine children, of whom three are now living: Charles, Danford E. and William H. Mrs. Rhodes died May 19, 1884; she was a member of the Baptist Church. Mr. Rhodes, has in his lifetime cleared many acres of land, and has done much toward the improvement of the county. He helped to construct the first railroad in the United States. He is in politics an old, solid Republican. Danford E. Rhodes, his son, who was born July 17, 1839, was twice married; on first occasion, December 9, 1860, to Miss Elizabeth Styre, of this township, who bore him five children, viz.: Danford E., Jr., Harriet, John C., Rose, and George H. Mrs. Rhodes dying November 21, 1874, our subject married, July 3, 1876, Miss Clara Swift, of Hydetown, this county, born in Allegany County, N. Y., April 13, 1853, daughter of Henry and Caroline (Cushing) Swift, natives of New York State, and who settled in this county in 1864, but who now reside in Nebraska. To this union were born two children: Don and Frank. Our subject purchased land in this township in 1860, and still owns it. He manages his farm and devotes his entire attention to agriculture. Mr. Rhodes served three years, during the late war of the Rebellion, in Company C, One Hundred and Fiftieth Regiment, Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry. He participated in several battles, was slightly wounded thrice and taken prisoner once. He has filled several township offices, such as Auditor, etc. Is a member of the G. A. R.; in politics is a Republican. Mrs. Rhodes is a member of the Methodist Church.

FRANCIS SCHREINER, farmer and gardener, P. O. Hydetown, was born in Philadelphia, Penn., March 23, 1817, son of Henry and Catharine L. (Baker) Schreiner, natives of Philadelphia, Penn., of German descent, forefathers of whom emigrated from Germany to America about 1682. Henry Schreiner lived in Dauphin County, this State, till his death in 1859; his wife died in 1857. They were parents of four sons and five daughters, viz.: Anna, Elizabeth (deceased), Catharine (deceased), Henry, Caroline, Francis, Susan, Hilary and Jacob. Our subject remained in Dauphin County until 1849, where he was engaged with his father in distilling. He then came to this county, where he had inherited 200 acres of timber land, and this he has cleared and farmed. He pays considerable attention to fruit-raising and gardening, and during the oil excitement he followed barrel making for several years. He was married, October 20, 1846, to Miss Emma M. Tolbert, a native of Philadelphia, Penn., born November 12, 1816, and daughter of John and Anna P. (Baker) Tolbert, also natives of Philadelphia, and descendants of Hilarious Baker, who was of German birth. They were the parents of four daughters: Hannah, Emma M., Caroline and Isabella, all now living excepting Hannah. The

father died in July, 1837, the mother in May, 1871. To our subject and wife were born three sons and two daughters, viz.: William T., Edwin B., Anna C., Francis T. and Emma T., all now living. Mrs. Schreiner is a member of the Episcopal Church. Our subject has served in many of the township offices; was one of the organizers of the Titusville Fair. In politics he is a strong Greenbacker.

WILLIAM A. SEELY, farmer, P. O. Troy Centre, was born in Venango County, Penn., February 14, 1830, son of Alva and Margaret (Andrews) Seely, natives of Pennsylvania, who brought their family up in Venango County, Penn., and there both died. Our subject operated the home farm several years, and in 1865 moved to Troy Township, this county, where he now resides, and in addition to farming gives some attention to lumbering. Mr. Seely was married, November 20, 1851, to Miss Carlotta Sterling, a native of Venango County, Penn., born July 4, 1830, daughter of Elisha and Theresa (Noel) Sterling, natives of Vermont and Pennsylvania, and of English and German descent, respectively. They were married in Venango County, where Mrs. Sterling died in 1852. Mr. Sterling died in Warren County, Penn., in January, 1881, aged ninety-three years. He had been in the Revolutionary war; by trade was a cooper and carpenter. To our subject and wife were born six sons and four daughters, viz.: Mary A., Margaret E., John A., Joseph P., William R., Averel McC., Erie B., Sarah I., Charles A. and Lillie V., all now living excepting Mary A., who died at the age of five years. Mr. and Mrs. Seely are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church. In politics he is a Greenbacker.

HENRY STYER, farmer, P. O. Troy Centre, is a native of Germany, born March 12, 1813, son of Henry and Maria (Buzzard) Styer, also natives of Germany, who immigrated to America in 1834, and settled in this county, where they died. They had a family of three sons and one daughter, of whom our subject only is now living. He came to this country from Germany in 1833, and remained at Meadville, this county, several years; then rented a farm for a few years, and in 1855 purchased land in Troy Township, this county, which he has improved, and where he now resides. Mr. Styer was married, in April, 1839, to Miss Esther Seely, of this county, who was born in Venango County, Penn., November 12, 1812, and whose parents were early settlers in that county, and died there. To our subject and wife were born three sons and four daughters, viz.: Elizabeth (deceased), Anna (deceased), James, Willmina, John, Henry and Mary. Henry, who lives with his father and operates the home farm, was married, December 24, 1876, to Miss Minnie Jackson, a native of this county, born August 17, 1855, and to this union have been born two children: Gladie B. and Noel R. In politics our subject is a Republican.

SAMUEL TITUS, farmer, P. O. Hydetown, was born in Oil Creek Township, this county, April 1, 1805, son of David and Nancy (Lowry) Titus, natives of this State, of English descent, and who settled in this county in 1796. They were parents of thirteen children, none of whom survive except our subject, the youngest son. He inherited on the death of his father, 100 acres of improved land, in Oil Creek Township, this county, on which he immediately moved. Here he remained several years, then sold, and in 1835 purchased land in Troy Township, this county, where he still resides, and this he has greatly improved in many ways. Mr. Titus was married January 9, 1827, to Miss Mary Titus, a native of Armstrong County, Penn., born August, 1806, and a daughter of John and Jane (Lemington) Titus, of this county, natives of this State, and of English descent. To this union were born five

sons and eight daughters, eight of whom are now living, viz.: Eliza J., Francis B., John L., Elvira R., Abram F., Mary J., Lorena F. and Warren S. The deceased are Eunice, Sarah J., Harriet S., Daniel L. and Littlefield R. Mrs. Titus died April 28, 1882. Mr. Titus has forty grandchildren and twenty-five great-grandchildren. Although but a boy at the time of the war of 1812, he well remembers hearing the firing of cannon. He has been a Republican in politics most of his life, but is now a Greenbacker.

ZOPHAR H. VIETS, farmer, P. O. Troy Centre, is a native of Hartford, Conn., born April 16, 1823, son of Zophar and Tacy (Hillyer) Viets, natives of Connecticut, of German extraction. They moved to Ohio in 1832 and settled in Ashtabula County, where they died in 1860 and 1868 respectively. Mr. Viets was a cigar-maker by trade. Our subject made his first land purchase in Ohio, where he remained until 1854, in which year he moved to this county and settled in Troy Township, where he now resides, and has since carried on general farming. He was married May 18, 1851, to Mary A. Hill, of Ashtabula County, Ohio, born in Batavia, N. Y., March 6, 1831, daughter of Silas R. and Harriet (Storks) Hill, natives of Rhode Island and Massachusetts, respectively, of Dutch and Welsh descent. When Mr. Hill died in 1843 his widow moved with her children to Ashtabula County, Ohio, in 1844, but now resides in Michigan, and is in her eighty-third year. To Mr. and Mrs. Viets have been born one son and one daughter: E. Eugene, born September 7, 1855, and Sarah E., born May 28, 1858. Our subject and wife are life-long members of the Baptist Church. In politics he is a stanch Republican.

SAMUEL B. VROOMAN, farmer, P. O. Hydetown, is a native of Wyoming County, N. Y., born June 27, 1839, son of Simon and Lina (Burroughs) Vrooman, natives of New York State, and early settlers of Wyoming County, that State, where Mr. Vrooman died in 1842, aged forty-four. Our subject moved to this county in 1852, purchased land in Oil Creek Township, where he remained about fourteen years, and in 1866 went to Erie County, Penn., remaining there a few years. In 1868 he returned to this county and purchased land in Troy Township, where he now resides, following the occupation of a general farmer. He has also given some time to mercantile trade. Mr. Vrooman was twice married, on first occasion in 1861, to Miss Margaret Newton, of this county, a native of New York State. She dying a few years later, our subject married, January, 1869, Miss Sarah A. Newton, of this county, a native of Chautauqua County, N. Y., born March 16, 1846, daughter of Edmond C. and Eliza (Smith) Newton, who were early settlers in this county. By this union are one son and one daughter: Martin B., and Bertha A. Mr. Vrooman in politics is a Democrat.

UNION TOWNSHIP.

THOMAS BARBER, farmer and stock-raiser, P. O. Meadville, was born in England, May 14, 1832, son of William and Rebecca (Bailey) Barber. His father, who was a contractor on sewers and drains in England, raised a family of twelve children, of whom Thomas is the sixth. Our subject came to Crawford County in 1851, learned carpentering and followed that vocation until 1864, when he purchased the farm of eighty-three acres on which he now resides, and which is well improved. He was married in 1855 to Elizabeth Freeman, a native of Germany. Their children are—Fred (railroad telegraph

operator), William (at home), Hannah, Lida (wife of Joseph Fox, a son of John Fox, a prominent farmer of this township), Bertha, Gertrude, Ella, Jessie and George. Mrs. Barber is a member of the German Reformed Church. Mr. Barber has been School Director and Supervisor. He is one of Union Township's successful farmers; in politics, a Democrat.

L. A. BEERS, farmer, P. O. Meadville, was born in Wayne Township, this county, April 9, 1840, and is a son of Benjamin and Jane (Proper) Beers, of German and Scotch ancestry. His father was also born in Wayne Township, this county, August 9, 1812, and was a son of Samuel Beers, who was a veteran of the war of 1812, and settled in 1800 in what is now Wayne Township. They were farmers and also engaged in the cooper's trade. Our subject's father raised a family of six sons and two daughters, L. A. being the third child of the family. He has followed farming with the exception of twelve years spent at cooper's work in the early part of his life. He now owns the farm of seventy-five acres on which he resides. He was married in 1863 to Barbara, daughter of Michael Shaffer, and they have had six children: Hattie E., Ella C., Maggie Ann, Manuel (deceased), George Henry and Edward R. The family belong to the German Reformed Church. Mr. Beers is Democratic in his political views, and has been a Delegate to the County Conventions. He is now serving his tenth year as Township Constable.

J. S. DAVIS, farmer, P. O. Geneva, was born in what is now known as Union Township, February 23, 1816, and is a son of James and Mary (Cotton) Davis, natives of Pennsylvania, the latter of Scotch-Irish descent. His grandfather, James Davis, a farmer, came to this county in 1796. Our subject's father, also a farmer, came to this county with his parents and died here aged eighty-five years. He was an Ensign in the war of 1812. Of his seven children six grew to manhood, and four of them are now residents of this county. Our subject received his education in the log schoolhouses of his time, and growing up on the farm, naturally chose agriculture as his life work. He owns the same farm on which his grandfather and father settled over half a century ago. The farm is 130 acres, and he has lived on it since 1828. Our subject was married in 1839 to Susan Van Horn, and their children were two in number, of whom the surviving one is James V., who enlisted in 1862 in Company F, One Hundred and Sixty-eighth Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, serving nine months. Mrs. Davis died in 1847, and the following year he married Eliza Davis, by whom he has one child—Mary Rosetta—at home. Mr. Davis has been a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church for over forty years, and has been Class-leader, Steward, Trustee and Sabbath-school Superintendent. Mrs. Davis has been a member of the same organization for fifty-two years. In politics our subject is a Republican.

ROBERT S. DAVIS, farmer, P. O. Geneva, was born in this township March 25, 1824, and is a son of James and Mary (Cotton) Davis, early settlers of this county. He was reared on a farm, and has devoted his life to agricultural pursuits, and now owns the well-improved farm on which he resides. He has been twice married, first in 1849, to Jane Wingate, who died without issue in 1882. He next married Elizabeth Evans, widow of William Cummings, who served in the late war, was wounded at Chancellorsville, and died in 1878 from injuries received while in the service. She had seven children by her first husband: Alice, Emma, Ella, Walter, Minnie, Stephen and Bertha. Mr. and Mrs. Davis are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, of which he has been Class leader and Trustee. He has held various offices of trust, such as Auditor, etc. In politics he is Republican. Mrs. Davis' father, Peter Evans, a native of Pennsylvania, came to this county in 1810, when six

years of age. Mrs. Davis' maternal grandfather was a Mr. Owens, a Revolutionary soldier, who lived to be one hundred and eleven years old.

JACOB EHRGOTT, farmer, P. O. Meadville, was born in Rhenish Bavaria, Germany, January 22, 1843, and is a son of Francis and Mary E. (Martin) Ehrgott, natives of Rhenish Bavaria, and who immigrated to what is now Union Township in 1850, settling on the farm on which Jacob still resides. Jacob Ehrgott was the second of a family of three children, and has made farming his life work, as did his father before him. He was married, in 1866, to Elizabeth, daughter of Daniel Chipple, and this union has been blessed with six children: Frank, Daniel, Caroline, Charles J., William W. and an infant—Lorid. The family are members of the German Reformed Church, of which Mr. Ehrgott has been Trustee. He is a Democrat in politics; has been Supervisor, President of Elections, Justice of the Peace, Captain of the State Police, Collector of School Rates and Overseer of the Grange.

ALEXANDER FINDLEY, farmer, P. O. Custard's, was born in Chautauqua County, N. Y., January 19, 1827, and is a son of Russell and Nancy (Barry) Findley, natives, former of Pennsylvania, latter of Ireland. They were of mature age when they settled in the State of New York, and eight of their ten children were born in that State, one of the remaining two being born on the farm where our subject now resides. They came from New York to this county in 1841, settling on a farm. Eight of their children grew to maturity, of whom Alexander is the only one now in this county. The father died in 1865; the mother died in 1855. Our subject received his education mostly in New York State; has farmed all his life, and now owns the well-improved farm of 125 acres on which he has lived since 1841. He was married in 1875 to Jane, daughter of George Miller, a farmer of this State, and of German-Dutch descent. They have four children: George R., Francis A., L. L. Davis and James Carson. Mrs. Findley is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church. In his political views Mr. Findley is Democratic. He has been School Director and Clerk and Treasurer of Union Township.

JOHN FOX, farmer, P. O. Meadville, was born in Bavaria, Germany, February 24, 1831, and is a son of Joseph and Barbara (Hartman) Fox, natives of Germany. His parents came to America April, 1837, settling for two years in New Jersey, when, after a tedious journey of twenty days, they arrived in Meadville. They had a family of five children, and were engaged in farming all their lives. The father died in Mead Township in 1864, in the fifty-ninth year of his age. John Fox received a common school education, and has followed farming all his life, now owning ninety acres of well-improved land in Union Township. He was married in 1856 to Barbara Frantzman, a native of Erie County, Penn., and of German ancestry. Their children are Joseph M., a farmer in Mead Township; Anna Mary and William John. The family are members of the German Reformed Church, of which Mr. Fox has been Elder, and Delegate to the Senate. He has also been School Director, Assessor and Supervisor, and has held most of the other township offices, being a man of high social standing, and thoroughly abreast of the times and all the leading topics of the day. He has been successful in the conduct of his private affairs, and takes an interest in all that concerns the community, among whom his lot in life is cast. During the late war he did not favor everything that was done to suppress the Rebellion, and although a good Union man, he held independent views of his own, and when drafted he paid out $1,500 to hire substitutes.

H. F. HAMMAN, farmer, P. O. Meadville, was born in Union Township, this county, June 8, 1852, and is a son of Philip and Susan (Myers) Hamman,

both of German descent. His father was a farmer and settled here in 1829, dying in 1866. His grandfather, Daniel Hamman, cleared the farm on which H. F. now resides, purchasing it from the Holland Land Company, and settling in this township in 1812. He died in 1870 aged eighty-one years; his widow lived to be eighty-four years old. H. F. is the eldest of six children: H. F., John, Emma (Mrs. Oscar Kelsey), Daniel (now in South America), Charles (deceased), and Marion, at home. Our subject has made farming his life pursuit, and owns the fine farm on which he resides. He was married in 1879 to Barbara, daughter of the late Peter Armburger, who was a prominent farmer of this county. This union has been blessed with one child—Susan. Mr. and Mrs. Hamman are members of the Reformed Church. Politically he is a Republican.

J. L. HENRY, farmer, P. O. Meadville, was born in Mercer County, Penn., January 20, 1811, and is a son of Jeremiah and Elizabeth (Caine) Henry, natives of Pennsylvania, and of German and Irish descent. His father came to this county in 1795, and raised a family of seven children, four sons and three daughters; he died when J. L. was but eight years old. He was a soldier in the war of 1812. In 1820 our subject was sent to learn shoe-making, at which he worked in Meadville for many years, being in business in Meadville from 1826 to 1859. His health failing, he purchased the farm on which he now resides. He was married in 1844 to Jane F. Randolph, of German and English descent, her parents being Quakers. They have had ten children, of whom seven survive: Fanny, Willis, Edward A., Nellie R., G. W., Sarah A. and Minnie. Mr. and Mrs. Henry are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, of which he has been Trustee and Class-leader. He has served for twenty years as Justice of the Peace; has also served as County Auditor and County Commissioner; was Postmaster in Union Township for several years; Secretary of the School Board nine years, and has been a member of the Republican County Committee fourteen years. In politics he is a Republican. Mr. Henry is held in high esteem in this community, and it is said of him that he has never used a dollar which he has not honestly earned.

EDWARD HERRINGTON, deceased, was born in York, Penn., April 27, 1789, son of James and Ann (Clayton) Herrington, former of whom was born March 28, 1763, in Maryland, and moved to Bald Eagle, York Co., Penn., about 1785, and with his family, including our subject, to Crawford County in 1794, settling on French Creek, near the mouth of Conneaut Creek. Mr. and Mrs. James Herrington were parents of six children: Jacob, Edward, Mary, James, Crawford and Elizabeth. Their father was a Deputy State Surveyor for Crawford County, Penn.; was once a member of the Assembly; was Justice of the Peace. In 1832 he went to Chicago, Ill., where he settled and where he was employed as a Surveyor; was also with Dale & Newberry, the first storekeepers at that place. He took up a claim as near the fort as was allowable, and the city of Chicago now covers the entire land once owned by him. He went out with a relief party under Capt. Walker in the Black Hawk war; he died March 23, 1842, in this county. Edward Herrington, the subject of this sketch, was married in 1813 to Nancy, daughter of James Burchfield, who was second Sheriff of this county and Associate Judge of the courts of the same. To this union were born ten children: O. H. P., married to Mary Lafferty (had seven children: Horace, Edward, William, Crawford deceased, Willie A., Maggie and Mollie); James L., married to Hannah Baker (have one child—Joseph—a printer in the *Republican* office, Meadville); Clarissa S., married to Theodore Minnis (have seven children: Edward, Sarah A., Thomas, Alfred, Henrietta, Marion and Jessie); Robert B., married to Emily

Ackerman (have two children: Charles and Emma J.); Margaret R., married to Thomas Porter (have one child—Martha A.); William H., was educated in the county schools (in 1852 he went to California, sailing round Cape Horn, and worked in the gold mines for nine years; returning in 1861 he hired a substitute for the war of the Rebellion; has been Constable, and is at present Township Auditor); Mary A., married to Col. R. C. Johnson; Sarah M., married to Frederick Wightman (have five children: Frank, Edgar P., Edward C., Richard C., and Phineas); Edward C., and DeWitt C., married to Delilah Stebbins (have one son—Edward A.), DeWitt C. attended the Commercial College at Pittsburgh, Penn., and taught school; in 1861 he went to Colorado and was Clerk of the first court held at Denver. After a residence of four years there, he returned to this county, and was engaged as telegraph operator and agent for the New York, Pennsylvania & Ohio Railroad at Shaw's Landing. In 1880 he went to Dakota, where he acted as agent for the Chicago & Northwestern Railroad. He is now the Democratic candidate for Clerk of Crawford County. Edward Herrington, our subject, went to Erie under Capt. Havlin in 1813, and afterward served under Col. Marland as a teamster. He held all the township offices. He died October 21, 1871, on the farm that he purchased from Hulings in 1823. Mention is made elsewhere of the Herrington and Burchfield families.

CONROD REITZE, farmer, P. O. Meadville, was born in Rhenish Bavaria, Germany, April 24, 1838, son of Henry and Elizabeth (Kiser) Reitze, natives of Germany, and parents of five children, of whom our subject is the youngest. He received his education in his native country, and at the age of fourteen years began the carpenter's trade in Meadville, Penn., carrying on the same for eighteen years. In 1866 he bought a farm in Union Township, and soon after erected and operated a saw-mill on same. His farm contains 170 acres, and is finely improved by his own efforts. Our subject was married in 1862 in Meadville, Penn., to Catharine, daughter of Michael Frantzman, and to this union were born following named children: Anna, Ellen, Henry, Kate, Carrie, George, Arthur and Barbara. Mr. and Mrs. Reitze are members of the German Reformed Church, in which he is Deacon. In politics he is a Democrat; has held various township offices. Mr. Reitze is rightly classed as one of the wealthy men of Crawford County, and of his little fortune he is the real artificer. He paid his own passage to America, together with that of his sister Kate, now Mrs. John Kater, of Union Township, this county. He is recognized as an upright, enterprising citizen, and is a true representative of the German nationality, to which the United States is indebted for her most prosperous, substantial and wealthiest inhabitants.

EDWARD A. SCOWDEN, farmer and dealer in agricultural implements, P. O. Geneva, was born in Vernon Township, this county, January 16, 1854, and is a son of Joseph and Mary A. (Brown) Scowden. He is the eldest of a family of six children, and after the usual course in the common school finished his education at the Commercial College at Meadville, Penn. He was brought up on the farm and has spent most of his life in agricultural pursuits, now owning 160 acres of land. He has been engaged also as general agent for Crawford County in selling the implements of William Anson Wood, of Youngstown, Ohio. Mr. Scowden was married, January 8, 1879, to Anna, daughter of Reuben Weller, and they have one son—Clyde Garfield. In politics Mr. Scowden is a Republican. His family is very old and well known in this county, his grandfather having settled here in 1799, and his father, for many years known as a hotel-keeper in this county, and nine years County Commissioner, is a prominent farmer in Vernon Township.

FRED STEIN, farmer, P. O. Meadville, was born in Rhenish Bavaria, Germany, September 4, 1815, and is a son of Peter and Catharine (Werler) Stein. His father was a farmer, and three months after the death of his wife he immigrated to America, April 11, 1832, with his family of four sons and one daughter, taking sixteen days in traveling through France, where they had to wait a month for a vessel to carry them to New York, the voyage occupying fifty-four days. They then started to Buffalo, and on arriving there Mr. Stein's only sister took sick and died, which was, as he expresses it, the most sorrowful day of his life. The mourning family then went to Erie City, Penn., whence our subject and his eldest brother, Francis, came to Meadville to locate a home. They bought land and settled in what is now Union Township, purchasing of Mr. Huidekoper, who treated the immigrants very kindly, selling the land on time at liberal terms. They bought sixty acres at $3 per acre on eight years' time, at six per cent interest; purchasing in 1832 they were able to get the deed in 1844. Francis did not remain here, and for the first five years Fred and his father did their own cooking and washing. Our subject then married Eve, daughter of George H. Rosche. Their children are Elizabeth (wife of Adam Keepert, a farmer), Henry, Daniel, Margaret, Catharine (wife of Jacob Frerimat), Eve, Sarah, George, Mary and Jacob F., all of whom are at home but the two who are married, all enjoying good health and brought up to be useful and industrious. Mr. Stein and his sons own 458 acres of valuable land in this township. All are members of the German Reformed Church. Fifteen years after purchasing his first sixty acres our subject was able to add thirteen acres more, and has since added 66, 40, 70, 165 and 50 acres. The first three pieces of land he purchased on time, the rest he purchased for cash.

VENANGO TOWNSHIP.

LOUIS BERNHARDT, manufacturer, Venango Borough, was born in Hesse Darmstadt, Germany, March 2, 1836, son of Louis and Elizabeth (Gearth) Bernhardt. He came to America in 1859, and settled in Venango Borough, embarking in the carriage and wagon business, which he continued up to 1883, when he engaged in the manufacture of shingles and cigar boxes in company with M. J. Straw, under firm name of M. J. Straw & Co., in which he has been successfully engaged up to the present time. The firm manufacture a large quantity of cigar boxes per annum, and besides their business of making shingles and cigar boxes, are proprietors of the only planing-mill in Venango Borough. Mr. Bernhardt was married in June, 1857, to Mary, daughter of Andrew Bender, a native of Germany, by whom he has four children, viz.: John L., William H., Caroline (wife of Frank R. Straw), and Ida. He is a F. & A. M., member of K. of P. and A. O. U. W.; has held many of the offices in Venango Borough. In politics he is a Democrat. Both he and his wife are members of the First Lutheran Church.

PHILIP BLYSTONE, farmer, P. O. Cambridgeboro, was born in Venango Township, this county, October 27, 1832, son of Abram and Katherine (Kinter) Blystone. Abram was a son of Christian Blystone, who came from Westmoreland County, Penn., and settled in Venango Township in 1798. Katherine, his wife, was a daughter of Philip Kinter, who settled in Washington Township, Erie Co., Penn., in 1798. They had six children: William,

now living near Akron, Ohio; John, in Jamestown, N. Y.; Philip; Mary, wife of A. G. Leffingwell; C. Lucinda (deceased); Peter, residing in Waterford, Erie Co., Penn. Our subject was married November 3, 1856, to Mary E., daughter of Ransler R. and Jane (Langley) Snow. The Snows came from Massachusetts, and settled in Cambridge, Penn., in 1816. Mrs. Snow was a daughter of John Langley, a native of Ireland, who also settled in Cambridge in 1812. By this union were five children: Charles E., married Kittie M. Anderson, of Cambridge; Barney W., married Elda Carman, of Geneva, they reside in Illinois; Nettie E., wife of Denny D. Goshorn, of Cambridge; Jennie K. and Georgie D. Mr. Blystone resides on the old homestead settled first by his father, who died February 16, 1880, in his seventy-fifth year. His widow survives him at the age of seventy-eight, and resides with our subject. Mr. Blystone has spent most of his life on the farm where he was born, though he resided two years in Ohio, and was proprietor of the American House at Cambridgeboro from 1879 to 1883. In the spring of 1883 he returned here. He has carried on a brick-yard on his farm, in connection with his other business, since 1875. Our subject has held the office of Supervisor and School Director of his township. In politics he is a Democrat.

DAVID M. BOLE, farmer, P. O. Venango, was born in Venango Township, this county, April 14, 1813, son of Henry and Lydia (Adams) Bole. Henry Bole was a native of Ireland, and worked his passage to America about 1795, landing in Philadelphia. In 1797 he located on French Creek, in Hayfield Township, this county, and later removed to Venango Township. He was married, January 15, 1807, to Lydia, daughter of David M. Adams, who settled in what is now Cambridge Township, previous to 1800, on the farm now owned by George Doctor. By this marriage there were seven children: John, married to Margaret Gilmore; Margaret, deceased wife of George Mead; David M.; William, married for his first wife, to Matilda Blair—for his second, to Ellen Mead; Mary A. (deceased), Henry (deceased), Martha, wife of Hon. Andrew Fullerton, of Conneautville, Penn. David M., our subject, was married November 24, 1836, to Mary D., daughter of Robert and Sarah (Wykoff) Clark, of Woodcock Township, this county, by whom he has had ten children: William R., an attorney at Meadville, Penn., married to Martha Pendleton, of Cambridge; Robert C., lost in the seven days' fight before Richmond during the late war; Henry M., deceased; David M., Jr., married to Alice Booth, they reside in Venango Township, this county; Andrew F., an attorney at Corry, Erie Co., Penn., married to Margaret Stranahan; Richard W., deceased; Clark C., married to Alta Kingsley, of Venango Township, this county; John D., Amanda and Eva. Mr. Bole, who resides on part of the old homestead settled by his father, was elected to the Pennsylvania State Legislature in 1848–49, and was defeated for the same office in 1850–51. He has been Justice of the Peace for his township five years, and held many other minor offices. In politics he has always been a stanch Democrat. He and his wife have been members of the Presbyterian Church upward of fifty years.

SAMUEL B. CARMAN, farmer, P. O. Venango, was born in Hayfield Township, this county, February 9, 1832, son of Samuel and Ann (Alward) Carman, and grandson of Stephen Carman, one of the first settlers of Cussewago Township, this county, who came from New Jersey and located on the farm now owned by Elihu Hotchkiss, and was parent of four children, viz.: Mary, wife of Morris Cole, of Cussewago Township, this county; Frazie, married to Sarah Jones, of Hayfield Township, this county; Samuel, said to be the first white child born in French Creek, and Anna, married to M. Myers, of Indiana.

Samuel Carman, Sr., had four children: Sarah, deceased wife of Dr. Sherwin of Springfield, Erie Co., Penn.; Stephen, married to Louise A. Wiard; Samuel B., and Rachel (deceased). Our subject was married September 11, 1856, to Lucinda, daughter of Hillorus and Jane (Quiggle) Graff, of Hayfield Township, this county. They are parents of seven children: Anna J., Viletta A., Elliott E., James A., Steele E., B. Mead, and Libbie V. Of these Anna J. married Benjamin Hazen, Jr., of Venango Township, this county, and Viletta A. married John S. Frazier, of Meadville. Mr. Carman has lived on his farm since 1859; is a member of the E. A. U. and the A. O. U. W. In politics he is a Republican. His wife is a member of the first Evangelical Lutheran Church. Mr. Carman was in the late Rebellion, enlisting December, 1861, in Company I, Second Pennsylvania Cavalry. He was in the battles of second Bull Run, Rappahannock, Mine Run, Whiteside Landing, and other engagements. He served three years, and was honorably discharged December 25, 1864.

JOHN W. COLTER (deceased) was born in Venango Township, this county, July 10, 1825, son of Robert and Agnes (Culbertson) Colter, and grandson of Thomas Colter, who settled in Venango Township in 1796. He was married, May 3, 1849, to Phebe A., daughter of Thomas and Mary (Clark) Scott, early settlers of Venango Township, this county; the former a native of Scotland, the latter of New Jersey. By this union there were five children, viz.: Mary J., widow of Augustus Halfast, who died September 20, 1884 (he was a member of the first Lutheran Church of Venango; has seven children: Edgar W., Emma A., Ella G., Leroy E., Minnie I., Arba E. and Vera E.); Rebecca, wife of William G. Ash (have two children: Mina M. and Ray); Robert P., died at the age of six months; Ida A., wife of the Rev. C. W. Miner (reside in Warren County, and have one child—Clara M.); Minnie P., wife of J. W. Johnson (have one child—Mildred—and reside in Dakota). In December, 1856, Mr. Colter was killed by being thrown from his cutter. He was a member of the Presbyterian Church. His widow survives him and resides on the homestead. She is a member of the Presbyterian Church.

CYRUS M. COLTER, farmer, P. O. Venango, was born in this township, August 4, 1827, son of Robert and Agnes (Culbertson) Colter, and grandson of Thomas Colter, who settled in Venango Township, this county, in 1796, was a soldier of the war of 1812, and had ten children: Eliza, Sally, Robert, Peggy, Nancy, Rebecca, Jane, Martha, Thomas and Wilson. Robert Colter was the first white child born in this township, and was the father of eleven children, viz.: John (deceased), Cyrus M. (our subject), Darius, Julianna (deceased), Robert P. (deceased), Jefferson (deceased), Levi (residing in Nebraska), Frank (residing in Cambridge), Jane (wife of Frank Graham, of Cincinnati), Aaron (in Mead Township, this county) and Mary L. (wife of George W. Miller, residing on the old homestead). Our subject was married, March 15, 1853, to Phiannah, daughter of John M. and Margaret (Hicks) Humes, of Woodcock Township, this county, by whom he had five children: Agnes (wife of Nathan Willard), Almon B., John H. (deceased), Lizzie V. and Morton R. Mr. Colter has lived on his farm, of which he has cleared a part, since 1853. Politically he is a Democrat; is a member of the I. O. O. F. Both he and his wife belong to the Presbyterian Church.

JOHN H. CULBERTSON (deceased) was born in Hayfield Township, this county, at the place known as McGuffintown, April 13, 1817; son of James and Jeanette (Dickson) Culbertson, who were among the first settlers of that township. They were of Scotch descent, and our subject inherited, in an eminent degree, the rugged and vigorous characteristics of his ancestors.

He had but limited educational advantages, owing to the unsettled state of the country during his youth, three months' attendance in the district school comprising all his schooling; but he early sought in books to make up for the deficiencies of his education. He was appointed Justice of the Peace of his native township when but twenty-five years of age, and in 1851 was elected Register and Recorder of Crawford County by the Democratic party (of which he was then a member), and served three years. In 1854 Mr. Culbertson moved to Venango Borough and embarked in mercantile business, in which he was successfully engaged until 1862. He served as Justice of the Peace in Venango Borough from 1855 until his death. At the breaking out of the war of the Rebellion he espoused the cause of the Union and joined the Republican party, of which he was an active prominent member, having been a delegate from Venango Township, to nearly every county and many State conventions. In 1876 he was appointed Notary Public by the Governor, which office he held the rest of his life. He was married, October 21, 1841, to Mary A., daughter of John and Elizabeth (Himelwright) Wilson, who settled in Meadville, Penn., in 1827, and in 1828 removed to Woodcock Township, this county, where they died. Shortly after Mr. Culbertson's removal to Venango Borough he united with the Presbyterian Church and was soon after installed Elder, continuing as such twenty-one years. He was Superintendent of the Sabbath-school for fifteen years, and attended as delegate many of the church conferences abroad. He was an exemplary Christian and was prominently identified with the religious and secular interests and enterprises of the place. He was a member of the I. O. O. F. for many years. He died June 2, 1876, in his fifty-ninth year. His widow, who resides in Cambridge, has been a member of the Presbyterian Church since 1852.

MORGAN L. FAULKNER, physician, Venango Borough, was born in Wellsburg, Tioga Co., Penn., July 23, 1817, son of Dr. Peter and Rebecca (Merrich) Faulkner, late of Erie, Penn. Our subject received his early education in the public school, and in 1846 began the study of medicine with his brother, Dr. William Faulkner, now of Erie, Penn. He is a graduate of Starling Medical College of Columbus, Ohio (class of 1849). He began to practice his profession the same year, in company with his brother, at Rockville, now known as Woodcock Borough, this county, where he remained two years. In 1852 he located in Venango Borough and has continued in active practice ever since. Dr. Faulkner was married November 14, 1854, to Mary E., daughter of John and Mary M. (Peiffer) Lasher, the former being one of the first to locate where the borough of Venango now stands. By this union there are three children: Charles P., Frank V. and Anna M. Dr. Faulkner and wife are adherents of the First Evangelical Lutheran Church. He is a member of the I. O. O. F., and of the A. O. U. W. He is now one of the School Directors of Venango Borough. In politics he is a Democrat.

BENJAMIN G. HAZEN, farmer, P. O. Venango, was born in Herkimer County, N. Y., January 4, 1815, son of Benjamin and Nancy (Willard) Hazen, late of Iowa. Our subject located in Troy Township, this county, in 1843 and resided there until 1865, when he came to this township and settled on his present farm. He was married December 8, 1842, to Rachel, daughter of Hamilton and Mary (Culbertson) McClintock, of Venango County. By this union there are six children, viz.: Elizabeth, wife of Francis Brown, of Troy Township, this county; Mary, wife of Dr. Daniel Foster, of Livingston County, N. Y.; Francis M., married to Elizabeth Minium (they reside in Hayfield Township, this county); Benjamin, Jr., married to Anna Carman, of Venango Township, this county; Rachel, at home; John H., a physician of

Venango County, married to Sarah Taylor. Mr. Hazen, while a resident of Troy Township, was Justice of the Peace for ten years, and since coming here has filled several minor township offices. In politics he is a Republican. He is a member of the Methodist Episcopal and his wife of the Presbyterian Church.

PAUL HILLS, farmer, P. O. Edinboro, Erie County, was born in Cussewago Township, this county, December 12, 1833; son of Cirrel and Rebecca (Harned) Hills, the former of whom, a native of New England, settled in Cussewago Township, this county, about 1816, and there married a daughter of David Harned, formerly of New Jersey, of Quaker parentage, and one of the first settlers of Cussewago Township. They were parents of thirteen children, only four now living: Laurin L., of Titusville; Isaiah, in McKean County; Paul and Franklin. Cirrel Hills first settled in Cussewago Township on a part of the farm now owned by James Nash; he afterward bought the farm now owned by Calvin Waldo, and in 1839 came to Venango Township and located on the farm now occupied by our subject, where he remained one year. He then sold his place and went to Michigan, but after an absence of nearly a year returned to this township and repurchased the property he had sold the year previous; this he cleared, improved and lived on till his death, which occurred in February, 1877, in his eighty-third year. Our subject, who has always resided on the old homestead, was married April 12, 1860, to Susan E., daughter of Christian and Rebecca (Siverling) Blystone. Christian Blystone was a son of Isaac Blystone, who settled in Venango Township, this county, in 1798; his wife was a daughter of Christopher Siverling, who settled in the same township in 1796. Mr. and Mrs. Hills have two children: Perry A. and Burt I. Mr. Hills has held the office of Supervisor of his township; in politics, he was always a Republican until 1882, since which time he has been an advocate of Prohibition.

JOSEPH HIMEBAUGH, retired, Venango Borough, was born in Westmoreland County, Penn., July 28, 1799; son of Conrad and Mary (Straw) Himebaugh, who located in Venango Township in 1801, and in 1809 removed to Erie County, Penn., where they lived until 1825, when they returned to this county and resided in Cambridge Township until their deaths in 1825. Our subject settled in Venango Township on the farm now owned by his son John, where he lived till 1871, in which year he moved to Venango Borough, where he now resides. He has been twice married. By his first wife, Matilda, daughter of David and Barbara Gher, of Hayfield Township, this county, he had five children: David H. (in Woodcock Township, this county), Jacob C. (of Venango Borough), Mary A. (wife of John Peters, of Hayfield Township, this county), Barbara A. D. (wife of William Sherred, of Venango Township, this county), Sarah C. (wife of John Woods, of Meadville). Mr. Himebaugh was married November 14, 1842, to his present wife, Susan, daughter of Andrew and Elizabeth (Mowry) Sherred, of Venango Borough. They have seven children: Matilda A. (wife of John Lasher, of this township), Lucinda A. (wife of Alexander Torry, of Erie County, Penn.), Hiram A., Joseph M., John F., Lewis R. and William L. Mr. Himebaugh is now eighty-five years old, and bids fair to live a century. He has always been a Democrat in politics, and has voted at every general election since reaching his majority. He and his wife are members of the Lutheran Church.

JOHN F. HIMEBAUGH, farmer, P. O. Venango, was born in Venango Township, this county, January 9, 1851; son of Joseph and Susan (Sherred) Himebaugh, and grandson of Conrad and Mary (Straw) Himebaugh, who settled in this township in 1801. Our subject, who resides on the farm where

his father located in 1825, was married February 20, 1872, to Lydia, daughter of Edwin and Serena (Stoliker) Hotchkiss, and grand-daughter of Joel Hotchkiss, one of the first settlers of Cussewago Township, this county. By this union there are two children—Lena B. and Allen. Mr. Himebaugh is now serving his township as Supervisor and School Director. In politics he is a Democrat. He is a member of the I. O. O. F. His wife is an adherent of the United Brethren Church.

JACOB R. HOMAN, P. O. Venango, was born in Venango Township, this county, February 22, 1843; son of John and Barbara (Walbrom) Homan, who located in Cambridge Township, this county, in 1828 and later in Venango Township. He was married, January 23, 1864, to Luie, daughter of Luther and Emeline (Payne) Alward, of Cussewago Township, this county, by whom he has three children: Charles, Laura and Daisey. Mr. Homan resides on the old homestead in Venango Township, where his father first settled. He is a member of the K. of P., and of the A. O. U. W.; has been School Director, also Supervisor of his township. In politics he is a Democrat.

E. CHRISTIAN HORNAMAN, farmer, P. O. Drake's Mills, was born in Venango Township, this county, June 6, 1839; son of Ernest and Amelia (Kaiser) Hornaman, who came from Germany and settled in this township in 1837, and in 1839 located on the farm now occupied by our subject, which they cleared and improved. They were parents of two children, viz.: Amelia, wife of George Bode, and E. Christian. Our subject has been thrice married; on first occasion, January 23, 1859, to Mary, daughter of John and Eve Doll, of McKean Township, Erie Co., Penn., who bore him one son—John. His second wife, to whom he was united January 19, 1862, was Sophia, daughter of Frederick and Caroline Arnaman. Mr. Hornaman by his last marriage, April 19, 1864, to Mary, daughter of Henry and Louise Kanengeisor, of Delaware Township, Mercer Co., Penn., has had seven children, viz.: Vena, Henry, Emma I. (deceased), Irvin, Ella, Ettie and Freddie. Mr. Hornaman, who has always lived on the family homestead, is now serving his second term as School Director of his township; in politics he is a Republican. He and his family are members of the First Evangelical Lutheran Church of Venango.

WILLIAM M. JOHNSON, M. D., P. O. Venango. Deservedly prominent among those who long held leading positions in the ranks of the medical profession in this county, is the gentleman whose name heads this sketch, and whose portrait appears elsewhere in this work. Dr. William Mount Johnson was born in Green Township, Hamilton County, Ohio. September 10, 1835, of English descent; eldest son of Henry and Ara (Conger) Johnson, the former a native of Maryland and a son of Shepherd and Sally (Christopher) Johnson; the latter a daughter of John Conger, late of Hamilton County, Ohio, a son of Moses Conger. Shepherd Johnson was a son of Eleazer and Elsie (Shepherd) Johnson, who came from England to the eastern shore of Maryland in 1748, shortly afterward married and settled about midway between the towns of Salisbury and Snow Hill. In 1825 Shepherd Johnson, with the younger members of his family, Henry included, moved from Salisbury, Md., to Hamilton County, Ohio, settling on a farm about nine miles from Cincinnati. Moses Conger, our subject's maternal great-grandfather, a native of Salem, N. J., while a young man moved to Kentucky, and was one of the early settlers of Mason County in that State. On several occasions he was among the Kentucky Volunteers, who were called on to cross the river, in order to fight the Indians north of the Ohio. He was a soldier in Gen. Wayne's army, and on his return home after the signal defeat of the savage

tribes at Maumee Rapids, August 20, 1794, was so pleased with the appearance of the country near Cincinnati, that he determined to remove his family there, a resolution which he carried into effect the following spring. He first resided on a tract of land now embraced within the limits of Spring Grove Cemetery, Cincinnati. Here his wife died and was buried at a spot near the present site of the Cincinnati College. In 1806 he moved to Green Township, Hamilton Co., Ohio. The Doctor's parents were married December 15, 1833. His father is still living. His mother died of cholera in 1849. When he was nine years of age, his father, who had owned and worked a moderate-sized farm, in addition to carrying on the coopering business, making lard kegs for the pork packers of Cincinnati (then the great meat market of the world), sold his place and moved to the city. Soon after he became a member of a firm engaged in the grocery trade. The outcome of this undertaking was most unfortunate, the proceeds of the sale of the farm, together with every dollar he possessed, being swallowed up in the business failure that followed. These losses, coupled with the continued ill-health of his mother, made it necessary for the son to leave school at the early age of eleven years, and go to work in order to contribute to the support of his father's large family. From this time until he was fifteen years old he worked at painting chairs in two or three large furniture establishments. Twice during this time he quit work to attend school, each time enjoying only the limited advantages derived from three months' tuition in the public schools. These short months at school were his only respites from continuous labor, until after he was a man grown, and almost his only opportunities for acquiring an education, until, at the age of fifteen, he entered the "Poor Boys' College," a printing office. He was named for a physician, who had promised his parents, if they would suitably educate their son, to receive him at a proper age into his office, as a student of medicine. This, from causes already alluded to, they were unable to do. The early death of his mother still further interfered with his youthful plans and hopes. The lad, however, had his heart set on becoming a member of the medical profession, and by his own unaided efforts undertook to fit himself for the study of the healing art. He continued at the printing business until he was twenty-one years of age, at the same time, by attending night schools, by the aid of private instructors, by pursuing a judicious course of general reading, and such other means as he was able to avail himself of, he endeavored to overcome the loss of scholastic training, and to prepare himself for his chosen calling in life. At the expiration of this time, by steadily working at "the case," in addition to affording liberal pecuniary assistance to his father's family, he had succeeded in accumulating a sufficient fund to meet the expenses of a thorough course of medical instruction. In 1855 he began the study of medicine, under the tutorship of Dr. William Mount, of Cumminsville (Cincinnati). The next year he entered the Medical College of Ohio, from which institution he received his degree of Doctor of Medicine, March 1, 1859. In 1857, while yet a medical student, he was appointed assistant physician to the Lick Run Lunatic Asylum, now known as Longview Asylum, near Cincinnati. In the fall of 1859 having resolved, on account of failing health, to engage in a country practice, he resigned this position and came to Woodcock Borough, this county, and soon after formed a partnership with Dr. A. Logan of that place, a business relation that was maintained for eleven years. After residing here for nearly twenty-five years, in the enjoyment of a large and successful practice, in the spring of 1884 he decided to remove to Venango, buying the beautiful residence of the late John H. Culbertson, with the intention of making it his future home, and

where he is now actively engaged in the practice of his profession. The Doctor was among the first to engage in the business of producing petroleum, beginning operations near Titusville, in the winter of 1859–60, and following it up for several years by ventures at different points in the Valley of Oil Creek and vicinity, including one well at the once famous, but long since defunct, city of Pit Hole. At various times since he has invested his means in this great Pennsylvania product. The general result of these operations, has not, it is understood, tended to materially increase his bank account. Our subject was married, August 6, 1867, to Miss Jennie J. Burchard, daughter of Cyrus and Margaret (Clark) Burchard, a prominent and well-known family and among the early settlers of the county. By this union there have been four children, all sons: William Mount, born January 29, 1870; Cyrus Victor and Henry Valentine (twins) born February 14, 1873, and Carl Burchard, born March 6, 1877. Dr. Johnson has always taken an active interest in educational affairs. During almost the entire period of his residence at Woodcock Borough he filled the office of School Director and for twelve years was Secretary of the School Board. He is a member of several benevolent and fraternal organizations, including the F. & A. M., I. O. O. F., K. of P., R. A. He has always been an unwavering Republican in politics.

ALBERT E. KINGSLEY, farmer, P. O. Cambridgeboro, was born in Genesee County, N. Y., December 8, 1818; son of Erastus and Elizabeth (Marcy) Kingsley, who settled in Venango Township, this county, in 1824, and grandson of Seth P. Kingsley, who came later. All were natives of Massachusetts. Erastus Kingsley was father of seven children, viz.: Albert E.; Angeline, wife of Jonathan Bunce; Orville, in Kansas; Rebecca, wife of Darwin Lay; Elizabeth, wife of Hudson Giles; Emily, wife of Jos. Scott, and Nathaniel. Our subject was married October 11, 1842, to Hannah M., daughter of Eleazer and Keziah (Spring) Rockwell, of Rockdale Township, this county, and has a family of three: Ogden E., married Belle Straw (have one child—Bertha—and reside in Cambridge Township, this county); Alta, married Clark Bole (have two children: Alta B. and Ogden C., and reside in Venango Township, this county); Albert A., married Hettie Danchy (have one child—Ray—and reside on the home farm). Mr. Kingsley has lived on his present farm twenty-one years; has never been an office seeker; was formerly a Whig, but joined the Republican party at its organization.

NATHANIEL E. KINGSLEY, farmer, P. O. Edinboro, Erie County, was born in Venango Township, on the farm where he now lives, November 21, 1835; son of Erastus and Elizabeth (Marcy) Kingsley. He was married October 18, 1860, to Rebecca E., daughter of John and Rachel (Trace) Cole, early settlers of Woodcock Township, this county. By this union there were six children: Anna M., Erastus D., Emma E., Edna V., Ralph (deceased) and Orrin Lynn. Mr. Kingsley resides on the old homestead where his father first settled in 1824. Both he and his wife are members of the Presbyterian Church.

THEODORE D. KLECKNER, proprietor of the Kleckner House, P. O. Venango, was born in Venango Township, this county, February 16, 1847, and is the only child of George and Caroline (Peters) Kleckner, who always resided in this township His paternal grandfather was John Kleckner, a native of eastern Pennsylvania, and an early settler of Venango Township, this county. From 1838 to 1853 Venango Borough was known as Klecknerville, John Kleckner having bought a portion of the property in 1832 and a mill that had been erected thereon and caused an official survey to be made of the town plot. This gave the place his name, but at the time of its incor-

poration, in 1853, it received its present title. John Kleckner had eleven children: Daniel, Matthias, George, Joseph, Anthony, Philip, John, Barbara, Sally, Anna and Elizabeth. The maternal grandfather of our subject was Jacob Peters, (see sketch of Levi Peters, Hayfield Township,) who settled in this county in 1804. George Kleckner, in early life, was proprietor of the grist-mill, saw-mill and woolen-factory, which he conducted for many years. Since 1861 he has been principally engaged in farming. Our subject was reared in Venango Township, where he has always resided, and was educated in the common schools. In 1874 he embarked in the livery business, in which he was engaged up to 1878. He then engaged in the sale of agricultural implements, buggies, etc., and in the spring of 1882 embarked in his present business. He was married, April 23, 1875, to Almira, daughter of Oliver and Rebecca (Peiffer) Barrett, of Venango Township, this county, by whom he has two children: Cora B. and Walter C. Mr. Kleckner is proprietor of the leading hotel in Venango, and is a representative citizen, a genial, jovial gentleman, widely known as a model landlord, and well adapted to his present occupation. He is a member of the K. of P. In politics he is a Republican.

LORENZO A. MARCY, farmer and dealer in fancy swine, P. O. Venango, was born in Cambridge Township, this county, September 3, 1853, and is a son of Joseph H. and Sarah (Crawford) Marcy. The former was a son of Joseph H. Marcy, Sr., who settled in what is now Cambridge Township in 1818. He was twice married, on the first occasion, January 29, 1835, to Jane Lyon Hahn, who bore him one child—Esther J. December 16, 1836, he married his second wife, Sarah A. Crawford, by whom he had five children, viz.: Adelia M., Rebecca C., Joseph H., Emily J. and Lorenzo A. Our subject was married, December 19, 1877, to Mary, daughter of William P. and Catherine (Minium) Floyd. They have one daughter—Carrie D. Mr. Marcy resides on the farm where his grandfather first settled. He has recently interested himself in the breeding of fancy swine, having fourteen pure Chester White hogs, commonly known as the Chester White breed, that originated from a pair of Bedfordshire hogs brought from England to Philadelphia several years ago. He calls his herd the French Creek Valley herd. Mr. Marcy and wife are adherents of the Methodist Episcopal Church. He is a member of the I. O. O. F. He has been elected Town Clerk two terms. In politics he is a Democrat.

GEORGE W. MILLER, farmer, P. O. Venango, was born in Chautauqua County, N. Y., April 14, 1845, and is a son of Daniel H. and Sarah A. (McKay) Miller, who located in Woodcock Township, this county, in 1870. Our subject settled in Venango Township, this county, in 1875. He was married, July 2, 1873, to Mary Louisa, daughter of Robert and Agnes (Culbertson) Colter, of this township, by whom he has one child—Edna J. Robert Colter, the father of Mrs. Miller, was the first white child born in Venango Township, and a son of Thomas Colter, who settled here in 1796. Our subject resides on the Colter homestead, where Robert Colter and his wife have lived nearly sixty years. Mr. Miller is a member of the A. O. U. W. In politics he is a Republican.

EDWARD N. NICKERSON, farmer, P. O. Venango, was born in Cortland County, N. Y., November 28, 1825, son of Joseph and Rosa (Thomas) Nickerson, who settled in Mercer County, Penn., in 1839, and where the former still resides. Our subject lived with his father until 1850. He was married October 23, 1851, to Mary A., daughter of Ira and Mahala (Hamilton) Roberts, of Vernon Township, this county, who were among the early settlers of the county. Of the fourteen children born to this union, six are now living: John

H. (in Dakota), Rosa M., Anna J., Ida M., Gertie A. and Willard R. Mr. Nickerson located in Vernon Township, this county, in 1859, and remained there until 1878, when he came to Venango Township and settled on his present farm. He is a member of the I. O. O. F. In politics he is a Republican.

ISAAC PEIFFER, farmer, P. O. Venango, was born in Woodcock Township, this county, February 23, 1818, son of Michael and Rebecca (Berlin) Peiffer, the former of whom, a native of Northumberland County, Penn., was a son of John G. Peiffer, of German descent, who located in Bloomfield Township, this county, in 1802, and in 1810 moved to Woodcock Township, where he passed the remainder of his days. He had nine children: George, Barbara, Eve, John, Michael, Mary M., Elizabeth, Samuel and Margaret. Michael Peiffer was married in Woodcock Township in 1816, came to Venango Township in 1819, and died here. He was parent of nine children, six growing to manhood and womanhood: Isaac, Mary, Susan and Rebecca (twins), Michael and Sarah, and three who died in infancy. Michael was in the late Rebellion, and participated in twelve minor engagements and the important battles of Chancellorsville, Gettysburg and the Wilderness. He enlisted in Company F, Eighty-third Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry; was wounded at Laurel Hill, taken prisoner, and sent to Libby prison. After four months' incarceration he was exchanged and sent to Annapolis, where he died in October, 1864. Our subject was married January 1, 1845, to Sophia, daughter of John and Susannah (Hetrick) Peiffer, by whom he has had the following-named children: Sarepta (wife of John W. Floyd, residing in Bradford, Penn.), Philip, and Rebecca (latter deceased). Mr. Peiffer has served one term as Justice of the Peace of his township; two terms as Burgess of Venango Borough, and has been School Director of the borough and township for thirty-two years. In politics he is a Republican. He is a member of the I. O. O. F., and of the E. A. U. His wife is a member of Sylva Lodge of the Daughters of Rebekah. They have been adherents of the Methodist Episcopal Church thirty-nine years.

JOHN M. PEIFFER, P. O. Venango, was born July 25, 1824, in Venango Borough, this county, son of John and Susannah (Hetrick) Peiffer. The former's father, George Peiffer, located in Bloomfield Township, this county, in 1802, and in 1810 removed to Woodcock Township, this county. John Peiffer afterward settled in Venango Township, and lived and died here. He was parent of fifteen children: Henry, Simon (deceased), Mary M. (deceased), Hannah (wife of Henry Minium), George W., Margaret A. (wife of John Kleckner), Elizabeth (deceased), Nicholas, Susanna (deceased), John M., Sophia (wife of Isaac Peiffer), Delilah (wife of A. W. Mumford), Edward, William and Asa. John M. Peiffer, the subject of this sketch, was married February 22, 1849, to Judith C., daughter of Eli and Elizabeth (Minium) Knerr, of Cambridge Township, by whom he has had two children: Cynthia E., wife of James S. Sherred (have one child—Harry G.), and Susanna (deceased). Mr. Peiffer was in the war of the Rebellion, enlisting August 29, 1864, in Company A, Two Hundred and Eleventh Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry. He lost his right arm at the battle of Petersburg, and was honorably discharged July 4, 1865. He is a member of the K. of P., and of the A. O. U. W. In politics a Republican. Both he and his wife are members of the Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church.

JOHN W. RUBNER, farmer, P. O. Drake's Mills, was born in Asch, Austria, near Saxony, October 30, 1820; son of J. Christopher and Margaret (Peck) Rubner, who settled in Venango Township, this county, in 1837, on the farm now owned by Michael Rubner, which they cleared and improved. They had four children, viz.: John W., Christena (wife of Israel Waidley), Michael and Margaret (wife of James Torrey). Our subject was married November 30,

1848, to Susan, daughter of John and Mary (Agley) Stough, who were among the first settlers of Mill Creek Township, Erie Co., Penn. By this union there were five children: B. Lewis, Josiah (married Celia Mankel), Lydia, Lafayette and Franklin (latter deceased). Mr. Rubner was the first settler on the farm, where he still resides locating on it in 1848, and has cleared and improved it and erected all the buildings. He has been School Director of his township twenty-one years in succession, and has held other offices. In politics he is a Democrat. Both he and his wife are members of the Lutheran Church.

JACOB SIVERLING, retired farmer, Venango Borough, was born in Venango Township, this county, June 17, 1817; son of Daniel and Barbara (Straw) Siverling, the former of whom, a son of Christopher Siverling and a native of North Hampton, Penn., settled in what is now Venango Township in 1796, though he was here two years previous and took up his land. They were parents of eight children: Betsey, Lydia, Sally, Barbara, Polly, Benjamin, Daniel and Jacob; all now deceased but Jacob. Our subject, the youngest of the family, has been twice married; on the first occasion January 7, 1839, to Barbara, daughter of John and Roena (App) Kleckner, by whom he had eight children, four now living: Sally, Benjamin F., Daniel and Barbara. She was a member of the First Evangelical Lutheran Church. This wife dying, our subject was married May 13, 1856, to Sarah C., daughter of Jacob and Anna M. (Pieffer) Kepler, by whom he has one daughter—Maggie H. L. V. Mr. Siverling, who has always resided in this township and borough, has been School Director, Supervisor, Judge of Elections, etc. In politics he is a Democrat. His wife is a member of the First Evangelical Lutheran Church.

CHRISTIAN STRAW, farmer, P. O. Cambridgeboro, was born in what is now Hayfield Township, this county, January 1, 1820, son of John and Christena (Blystone) Straw, and grandson of Jacob Straw, who settled in that township about 1797. John Straw subsequently moved to Woodcock Borough, this county, and died there; his widow, who survives him at the age of eighty-six, resides with our subject. They were parents of five children: Sally (wife of Jacob Blystone), Christian, Jacob F. (residing in Michigan), Mary (deceased), Emily (deceased), Caroline (wife of George Alward). The subject of this sketch was married, February 22, 1844, to Jane, daughter of Nathan and Mary E. (Lyman) Mitchell, who settled in Rockdale Township, on the Erie County line, in 1801. By this union there were four children, viz.: Mary E. (deceased), Isabel, wife of Ogden E. Kingsley; Frank P., married to Cally Bernhardt, and Charles P., married to Emma Isherwood. Mr. Straw has lived on his farm since he was fourteen years of age, and has held many of the offices in the gift of his township. In politics he is a Democrat. He and his wife are members of the E. A. U.

GEORGE C. STRAW, mason and farmer, Venango Borough, was born in Hayfield Township, this county, August 6, 1836, son of Philip and Leah (Gehr) Straw, and grandson of Jacob Straw, who settled in that township in 1797, on the farm now owned by Amasa J. Straw. Mr. and Mrs. Philip Straw had six children: Catherine (deceased wife of Daniel Siverling, now in Illinois), Aaron D. (of Venango Borough), Aurelia (deceased wife of John Lasher, now in Venango County), Sarah Cordelia (wife of Jacob Smith, of Hayfield Township, this county), Henry H. (in Minnesota), and George C. Our subject was married, June 17, 1863, to Rebecca, daughter of George Moyer, of Hayfield Township, this county. By this union there are three children: Lena M., Frank H. and Oakey J. Mr. Straw located here in 1861, and has since worked at his trade (that of a mason). He is serving his fourth term as Burgess of Venango Borough; in politics is a Democrat. He is a member of the K. of P., and the A. O. U. W.

VERNON TOWNSHIP.

LOT J. ANDERSON, farmer, P. O. Meadville, was born in Cussewago Township, June 11, 1836, and is the son of George and Elizabeth (Freeman) Anderson, the former of whom was born in 1799, and when but two years old moved with his parents to Crawford County, and has remained here ever since, living now a retired life after a successful business career. He was married to Elizabeth Freeman, a native of New Jersey, in 1821, and they had a family of eleven children, of whom the following survive, viz.: Caroline, Arold, John, Jane, Lot J., Dillie, and E. T. (living in Meadville, married Miss Breckenridge, have five children living). Caroline, now Mrs. Potter, resides in Minnesota, and has a family of three children; Arold married Miss Clark, who died, leaving eight children, and he was again married in Illinois; John married Miss Sloan, and resides in California; Jane married George Thomas, and has three children. Lot J., our subject, was married in 1867 to Elizabeth, daughter of Thomas Kerr, and this union has been blessed with six children: Gertrude, Bertha, Thomas K., George C., Florence and Robert W. Our subject is a leading farmer, and his farm shows evidence of neatness and careful cultivation. He is a member of the R. A.; is a F. & A. M. of Meadville; belongs to the Baptist Church; in politics is a consistent member of the Democratic party.

OLIVER J. ANDREWS, farmer, P. O. Geneva, was born in this township, February 11, 1821, and is a son of Robert and Sarah (Chidester) Andrews, the former a native of Ireland, the latter of New Jersey. They came to this township in 1793, locating a large tract of land, remaining on it till their decease. These lands are yet chiefly in the hands of the family. Robert and Sarah Andrews were of that worthy class of pioneers who labored under many difficulties in securing a foothold, and who succeeded in leaving a fine inheritance to their children, eight in number, five still surviving, viz.: John, Oliver, Robert, Eveline (Mrs. W. Beatey, a widow with two children), Mary (now Mrs. M. Logan, formerly Mrs. Dr. Calvin, and has one child). Our subject was married to Emily, daughter of Jesse Fry, one of the early settlers of Juniata County, Penn., and ten children blessed this union, of whom six survive, viz.: Frank P., John W., Robert C., Ella (Mrs. W. H. Graham), Blanche and Nettie. Our subject has been honored by his fellow citizens with a number of township offices, in all of which he has given satisfaction. Although appointed Justice of the Peace, he has never been called upon to act, so fairly and peaceably is the business of the community transacted. He has a beautiful farm of 300 acres, well watered and improved. He is a member of the German Reformed Church of this township.

HENRY BERG (deceased) was born March 1, 1832, in Wurtemberg, Germany, and was son of Ernst and Fredericka (Fiesinger) Berg, natives of Germany. He came to America in 1852, his parents coming over and settling in Meadville two years later. Mr. Berg had one brother, Charles, and one sister, Phœbe (now Mrs. Grettler). He was married June 7, 1856, to Fredericka, daughter of Jacob and Catharine (Kahler) Young, who was the third of four children in her father's family, viz.: Jacob, Caroline, Fredericka and Phœbe. Jacob left his father's home in 1850, and nothing has been since heard of him.

Our subject formerly owned the large tannery in Kerrtown. His father died March 9, 1884, aged eighty years. Our subject passed away June 17, 1877, leaving two daughters, Emilie and Mathilde, now at home with their mother, and occupy the house left by their father in Kerrtown. The family were brought up in the Lutheran Church.

PETER BIRCH, blacksmith, P. O. Meadville, was born March 7, 1822, in this township, and is son of John and Hannah (Royal) Birch, the former a native of Pennsylvania, the latter of New Jersey. They had twelve children, of whom nine survive: Susannah, Peter, Henry, Cynthia, George, Sylvester, Almira (Mrs. Bates) Amanda and Lewis. John Birch died in 1850, his widow following in 1883. Our subject was married in 1859 to Priscilla, daughter of John Collom. He learned blacksmithing when young, and also worked at wagon-making, and being handy with tools was a man at all times sought after. He has had a shop in Kerrtown for many years, and owns two fine dwelling houses, both built by himself, occupying one and renting the other, and both stand side by side. Being a man of keen, practical turn of mind, he has succeeded in life, and is now enjoying the fruits of his labors.

GEORGE BIRCH, farmer, P. O. Meadville, was born February 12, 1829, in this township, son of John and Hannah (Royal) Birch, the former a native of Pennsylvania, the latter of New Jersey; also a grandson of James Birch, who took up a tract of 400 acres, still chiefly in the hands of the Birch family. John Birch was born in Philadelphia in 1791, and when four years old moved with his parents to this township. He reared a family of twelve children, nine of whom survive: Susannah, Peter, Henry, George, Cynthia, Sylvester, Almira, Amanda, L. C. Peter married Priscilla Collom; Henry married Esther McIntire; Cynthia married Mr. Rawson; Sylvester married Jane Bush; Almira married C. Bates. Our subject resides upon the old home farm, and his two unmarried sisters are his housekeepers. Mr. Birch is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church; is a Democrat in politics. He is one of Vernon's leading citizens.

L. J. BIRCH, farmer, P. O. Meadville, was born in this township, November 27, 1836, son of James and Hannah (Bates) Birch, the former a native of this township, the latter of Trumbull County, Ohio. Our subject's maternal grandparents were James and Sally Bates, natives of Massachusetts, and his paternal grandparents were James and Sally Birch, the former of County Wexford, Ireland, the latter of Massachusetts. James Birch settled in the township in 1795, taking up a large tract of land. He built his cabin, assisted by six men, while an equal number kept guard against the Indians and wild beasts, who were then as numerous here as thorns and thistles on the well-improved farms of Watson's Valley, one of the most beautiful in the State. James Birch was one of those pioneers who had to labor with his ax while his gun stood ready by his side. But he persevered, and obtained a foothold, raising a family of twelve children, among whom were Thomas, John, James, Jr., Johnston, George, William, and one who died in infancy. James Birch, Jr., married Hannah Bates, and their children were: Martin, Levi J., Amos, James W. (member of One Hundred and Eleventh Regiment Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, and died during the late war), Harvey, Peter R. and Susanna. Our subject has been twice married, first to Sally Harrison, who died March 21, 1863, leaving one daughter. Mr. Birch was again married, April 13, 1876, to Mary A., daughter of J. H. Moore, of Hayfield Township. Mr. Birch is one of the leading citizens of the township, is located on an excellent farm, dealing quite extensively in high-bred horses of the best qual-

ity, and also being engaged in two lumbering-mills with his brother. He is a member of the R. A. of French Creek Lodge.

MARTIN BIRCH, farmer. James Birch settled in this township in 1795, and there, in the midst of Indians and the wild beasts, took up a large tract, most of which is still in the possession of his heirs. Our subject was married October 20, 1870, to Maria L., daughter of Henry and Elizabeth (Brown) Quigley.

PETER R. BIRCH, farmer and stock-raiser, P. O. Evansburg, was born October 27, 1846, in Vernon Township, and lives on the old farm on which his grandfather Birch settled in 1798, and on which his father was born. He is the son of James and Hannah (Bates) Birch, who, through the arduous labors incident to the early pioneers, left their descendants a goodly inheritance. Our subject's father was born April 12, 1802, in what was then Venango Township (now Vernon), and Peter R. was the sixth of seven children. He was married February 15, 1872, to Celestia E., daughter of John and Annie Melvin. Three children have blessed this union: James W., William A. and Freddie L. The fine ancestral estate on which Mr. Birch resides is situated six miles from Meadville. He deals largely in fine sheep and horses. Mr. Birch is one of the most valuable citizens in the township.

GIDEON BROWN, farmer, P. O. Meadville, was born September 14, 1810, in Vernon Township, this county, and is a son of Peter and Catharine (Trace) Brown, natives of Pennsylvania, who came to Crawford County in 1798, and here died. They were the parents of the following-named children: Daniel, Betsy, Mary, Catharine, Reuben, Susan, Gideon, John, Jacob and Gabriel. Peter Brown and his wife were members of the German Reformed Church. He bought at one time 400 acres of land, where his son Gideon now lives, and gave to each of his children a start in life. Our subject was brought up on the farm, and had but few opportunities for obtaining a good education. In 1851 he married Maria Dichman, who bore him seven children, five of whom are now living: Andrew J., Alfred, Edgar, Sarah and Loretta. About forty of the Brown and Trace families settled in the neighborhood where our subject resides, with Peter Brown, among whom may be mentioned: Benjamin, John and Frederick Brown, and George, John and Jacob Trace. Gideon Brown cast his first Presidential vote for Gen. Jackson, and he has always voted the Democratic ticket. Our subject has led an industrious life, and has accumulated much property, a large portion of which he has divided with his children. For many years he has been a member of the German Reformed Church, to which his deceased wife belonged.

JOHN BROWN, farmer, P. O. Evansburg, was born December 19, 1812, in that portion of Vernon Township which was then included in that of Sadsbury Township. His parents, Peter and Catherine (Trace) Brown, natives of Berks County, Penn., came in 1802 to what is now Vernon Township, and reared a family of eleven children, three of whom survive: Gabriel, Gideon and John. Our subject was married April 8, 1851, to Catherine, daughter of Jacob Flickinger, by whom he has four children, three surviving: Mary A. (Mrs. H. Lupher, has three children: Alice K., George B. and Ella A.), Samantha A. (Mrs. Oliver Brayton, has two children: Jessie K. and William John), and Rebecca A. Our subject is one of the oldest settlers in the township. He is in comfortable circumstances, owning a well-improved farm of ninety-six acres. He is a member of the German Reformed Church.

JOHN B. BROWN, farmer, P. O. Geneva, was born October 11, 1814, in this township, son of Benjamin and Fanny (Brindle) Brown, who settled on the Lake road in this township in 1798, coming from their native State, Penn-

sylvania. These sturdy pioneers battled bravely with nature's wilderness and obtained a foothold for their large family of children, whom they reared in the paths of honest industry. They purchased 160 acres from an old Revolutionary soldier, Mr. Relaigh. They had fourteen children, of whom six survive: John B., Catherine, William, Jacob, Polly and George. Our subject was married in 1840 to Sally Dichman, and they have two children: Mary E. (Mrs. J. P. Smith, who has a family of six children) and Sarah A. Mr. Brown is a member of the German Reformed Church.

GEORGE BROWN, farmer, P. O. Geneva, was born on the Lake road, this township, February 15, 1828, and is the son of Benjamin and Fanny (Brindle) Brown, natives of Pennsylvania, who settled on Watson's Run, this county, in 1798, raising a family of fourteen children, six of whom survive: John B., Catharine, William, Jacob, Polly and George, who all reside on the farm purchased from the old Revolutionary soldier, Relaigh. Our subject has a farm of 100 acres, and is one of the most orderly and careful farmers in the township. He was married, in 1853, to Eliza J. Heald, and has two children now living: Clara A. and Frank L. Mrs. Brown is the eldest of a family of ten, of whom six survive, viz.: Eliza J., John W., Perry, Albert, Harvey and Thomas. Mr. Brown belongs to the German Reformed Church. Although elected Justice of the Peace, so orderly is the township that he has never been called upon to act. His father served his country in the war of 1812.

JOSEPH H. BROWN, farmer, P. O. Meadville, was born in this township April 11, 1833, son of Reuben and Lydia (Trace) Brown, and was married, September 12, 1883, to Elizabeth A., daughter of Jared and Lucinda Parker. They have a well-improved farm in the central portion of the township. Our subject and his brother David are both mutes, but are partially endowed with the sense of hearing, and there are few men better acquainted with general topics, and to those who can make use of their peculiar language, their conversation is quite interesting. They reside on the farm on which their parents lived, and are ranked with the first farmers of the township. David is over four years the junior of Joseph, his birth occurring December 30, 1829.

DANIEL BROWN, JR., farmer, P. O. Meadville, was born July 13, 1838, in Vernon Township, this county, son of Daniel and Elizabeth (Flaugh) Brown, natives of this county, the former of whom was a descendant of Peter Brown, who came to this county at an early day from eastern Pennsylvania. They were parents of eleven children, four of whom survive: Peter, married to Miss Woodring; Matthias, married to Miss Bates; Joshua, married to Miss Shellatoe, and our subject, Daniel Brown, Jr., was married, on first occasion, to Elizabeth Frantz, who died January 8, 1870, leaving two children: Frank M. and Edwinna J. On March 28, 1872, our subject was again united in marriage, this time to Mary, daughter of John S. Dunn. Mr. Brown and family are members of the German Reformed Church. His farm, which formerly belonged to the Stockton estate, is located on Section 61, and shows evidences of careful and orderly cultivation.

DAVID CARR, farmer, P. O. Meadville, was born November 30, 1820, in Woodcock Township, and is the only child of Griffith and Elizabeth (Flaugh) Carr, natives of this county. His father dying when he was young, his mother married Daniel Brown, the original proprietor of what is now known as Andrews Mills. The result of this union was ten children, four still surviving: Peter, Matthias, Joshua and Daniel. Our subject was married, first in 1843, to Paulina Faust, by whom he had four children—three sons and one daughter: Elizabeth (Mrs. James Flaugh, has two children: Alice and Charles), Philip (married Calista McBride, has four children: Mary B., John D., Harold

and Edith L.), Almon (married Elizabeth Hauser, their surviving child is Frederick) and Samuel R. Our subject, after the decease of his first wife, married, in May, 1870, Charlottie, daughter of Philip Harman, and widow of Cyrenius Ross, a soldier in the late war, who died of a wound received at Gettysburg, leaving one son aged twenty-three years named John W. Ross. To Mr. and Mrs. Carr has been born one son, Lewis. By industry and good management, Mr. Carr has acquired a competency.

WILLIAM COLLOM, farmer, P. O. Geneva, was born in Cambria County, Penn., December 15, 1833, and is a son of John and Caroline (Burns) Collom, and grandson of Capt. John Collom, who came to this county in 1796, settling in Cussewago Township; he was Captain in the war of 1812, and in 1814 removed to the farm in Vernon Township, where John Collom, William's father, lived the greater part of his life. John Collom died in 1855, leaving a widow and eight children, of whom five survive, viz.: Sarah, wife of Frank Clark, of Oil City; Rachel, now Mrs. Albert Walters, of Jamestown; Priscilla, now Mrs. Peter Birch, of Kerrtown; Dr. D. L. Collom, of Conneautville, and William. Our subject was married in 1868, to Mina Lodema, daughter of Capt. J. T. Miller, of Sadsbury Township, by whom he has one son, Joseph Theron. Mr. Collom is one of the large farmers of the township and is highly esteemed by all his acquaintances. He is located in a beautiful portion of the township, in the southern part. Mr. and Mrs. Collom are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

JOHN COTTON, farmer, P. O. Meadville, was born April 9, 1845, and is son of Thomas and Angeline (Adams) Cotton, natives of this county and descendants of an old pioneer family. Thomas Cotton was the father of fourteen children, seven of whom survive: William, married Miss Nichols, but is now a widower; John, our subject; Evaline, married E. Davis, of Ashtabula, Ohio; Margaret; Alice; Della and Edward. Our subject married, June 23, 1873, Helen, daughter of James Williams, the eldest of a family of five children. Mr. Cotton resides on the farm with his father, having built a comfortable residence for his own family. His father was born January 15, 1806, and is son of John and Margaret (Stoctan) Cotton, and was married in February, 1839. They belong to the Second Presbyterian Church.

NICHOLAS DUDENHOEFFER, brewer, P. O. Meadville, was born April 23, 1823, in Bavaria, Germany, and is a son of Sebastian and Eva Rosa (Heither) Dudenhoeffer, who did not come to America. Our subject is the youngest of a family of seven, five of whom came to this country. He came unaccompanied by relatives in 1849. In 1852 he returned to Germany and there married Maggie, daughter of George and Evie Lizzie (Heintz) Schwab, and returned to America in 1853. He has one child—George—who married Phœbe Grettler. He engaged in the brewing business in 1863 on the hillside in Kerrtown, making a specialty of the manufacture of lager and bottled beer; he manufactures 2,000 barrels of beer annually, and conducts one of the prominent enterprises of the county. He is a member of the I. O. O. F., of Meadville.

JOSEPH FIRST, farmer, P. O. Evansburg, was born July 31, 1837, in Wayne Township, this county, where his parents, Christopher and Lydia (Brobst) First, settled in an early day, coming from their native place to Pennsylvania. They were parents of twelve children, the following of whom survive: Elizabeth (Mrs. J. Newbold, with a family of four children), Barbara, John, Obadiah, Joseph (our subject), Solomon, George and Daniel. Our subject has carried on for many years, in connection with farming, the business of saw-milling, being head sawyer for the Andrews Mills. He was

married in 1860 to Sylvia Gilbert, by whom he had two children: Elmer E. and Myrtie. She dying, he married, in 1870, Rebecca, daughter of Reuben Brown, by whom he has three children: Sarah Maud, Willie D. and Albert J. Mrs. First belongs to the Methodist Episcopal Church; Mr. First is a member of the A. O. U. W., of Lodge 980, I. O. O. F., at Conneaut Lake, and Rebekah Lodge of I. O. O. F., also of the E. A. U.

WILLIAM E. FLICKINGER, farmer, P. O. Meadville, was born May 15, 1860, in this township, and is son of Matthias and Christiann (Baughman) Flickinger, natives of this county. Matthias Flickinger, who is deceased, was a prominent early settler and careful farmer of Vernon Township, located near the center of the southern portion. He had five children: Alice, Cyrus (deceased when young), Katie (who married a Mr. Zimmer and died, leaving one child, Willie), William E. (our subject) and Ella. Our subject is a promising young man, and has charge of the finely-improved farm of seventy-five acres, belonging to his mother. He is a Republican in politics.

HENDERSON GIBSON, farmer, P. O. Watson's Run, was born September 15, 1827, in this township, and is a son of Robert and Margaret (Henderson) Gibson, the former a native of New Jersey, the latter of Ireland, and who were early settlers of the township. The family of Robert Gibson were six in number, of whom five survive: Archibald, Margaret, William (married Miss Siple, of Greenville, Mercer Co.), Sarah (married E. L. Russell, and who has one child, Catharine) and Henderson. Our subject was married, March 28, 1854, to Margaret, daughter of John and Eliza Miller, by whom he has three children: Emma E., John M. and Archibald W. Mrs. Gibson is the third child of eight in her father's family. Her father was born in Yorkshire, England, in 1808, and was one of the early settlers of the county. Mr. Gibson resides on the old home farm of his father-in-law. He belongs to the Presbyterian Church of Harmonsburg. Politically he is a consistent Democrat. He is one of the substantial citizens of the township.

JOHN HARSHELMAN, farmer, P. O. Meadville, was born October 17, 1833, in New York City, and is son of Jacob and Elizabeth (Hill) Harshelman, his paternal grandfather being Adam Harshelman, who landed in New York City with a family of three sons and one daughter. They were named John, Philip, Jacob and Mary. Jacob was born in 1803, came to Vernon Township in 1835, and here raised a family of children, three now living: John, Eliza (Mrs. F. Blystone), Catharine (who first married Mr. Zimmerman and subsequently Jacob Keybort, but is now a widow). Our subject married, in 1864, Rosetta, daughter of Timothy Clark, by whom he has six children: Thomas F., J. C., Adelia J., Mary E., Joseph and Josie (twins). Mrs. Harshelman is the youngest of a family of eleven children. Mr. Harshelman has held the office of School Director three years, and has the supervision of the roads of his district. He has a neat and prosperous looking farm of 175 acres in the northern portion of the township. In religious belief he is a Catholic.

WILLIAM S. HOSMER, farmer, P. O. Meadville, was born December 12, 1816, in Avon, Livingston Co., N. Y., and is a son of William T. and Amanda (Pierson) Hosmer, who were descendants of Thomas Hosmer and Abraham Pierson, both natives of England, who immigrated to America in 1635 and 1639 respectively. They were pioneers in Massachusetts and figured largely among the early settlers of New England. They belonged to that noble race that fought their country's battles in the Revolution and in the war of 1812. Our subject's grandfather, Timothy Hosmer, has left as a trophy, a finely carved sword of cut steel with silver hilt, which he wore in the war of the Revolution, and also a curiously wrought chair. Timothy was a pioneer

of Avon, New York State. His son William T. has left this record of him: "I shall only refer back to the part he took in the Revolution. He entered the service as surgeon to Meigs' regiment in the Connecticut line, and continued in the service, I believe, until the close of the Revolution. After peace, he continued the practice of physic in Farmington, Conn., until he took up his residence in Avon, March, 1793. My father with four others purchased the township of Avon for two shillings and eight pence per acre. He removed from Farmington in February, 1793, and arrived at Avon in the fore part of March following, and Genesee River was then the western boundary of civilization in America in this latitude, if we except the settlements made by the French among the Indians. At the organization of the county of Ontario, my father was appointed one of the Judges, and as the office of first Judge became vacant he was appointed chief, or first Judge of the Court of Common Pleas, and continued in office until that age of his life by which he was constitutionally disqualified." In the year 1800, at the age of twenty-one, our subject's father traversed on foot the country lying between the Genesee and Niagara Rivers in pursuit of fur, and in 1806 engaged in carrying the mail from Canandaigua to Buffalo and Lewiston on Niagara River. At that time the back of a horse was all that was required to carry the mail over the route that now needs railroads to carry it. After the prime of his life spent in such pursuits as keeping public house, farming, mercantile business, running stages, and carrying mail, he settled in the township of Vernon, this county in the spring of 1837, and there he remained till he died. His family consisted of two sons: John P. and William S., a former rector of the Episcopal Church of Meadville, died March 1, 1842, leaving one son—Burr G. William T. Hosmer died in 1869, his widow following in 1872. Our subject resides on the old homestead, three and a half miles west of Meadville, in the pleasant valley of the Cussewago. It is well cultivated and furnished with modern improvements. Mr. Hosmer married, on December 28, 1841, Jane, daughter of Thomas Bemus, of Chautauqua, N. Y. This union has been blessed with five children, of whom four survive: Eliza B., John P., Amanda (Mrs. P. Kreuzpointner), Martha B. (Mrs. Sanderson) and Sarah A. (Mrs. Frank J. Young, who died leaving one child—Sarah H.) Our subject is now living in the enjoyment of the fruits of his life labors, and is one of the leading citizens of his township. He has always been interested in education, having in early life acted as teacher and School Director. He is a member of the Presbyterian Church; also of the Grange.

J. S. and F. L. HOTCHKISS, general dealers in drugs, groceries, provisions, boots, shoes, jewelry, etc., etc., at the corner of Race and River Streets, Vallonia. The former was born June 9, 1853, the latter August 20, 1854, both in Randolph Township. They are sons of Henry C. and Phœbe (McCall) Hotchkiss, natives of Pennsylvania, and grandsons of Samuel McCall and William Hotchkiss, the former of whom came to Mead Township in 1800, where he remained until 1877, his widow still surviving. The paternal grandparents have both passed away, the grandmother in 1882, the grandfather, March 9, 1884. Our subjects are the two eldest of three children; their father was a contractor and builder. J. S. Hotchkiss was first in the drug business with Mr. Rittmayer and in the spring of 1875 he entered with his brother in his present business, doing a safe and thriving trade. They are members respectively of the I. O. O. F. and K. of P.

WILLIAM W. JOHNSTON, farmer, P. O. Watson Run, was born April 6, 1821, in this township, son of John and Nancy (Work) Johnston, the former a native of Ireland, the latter of Pennsylvania. John Johnston came to

America with his father when six years of age, having been born in 1791. Our subject's grandfather, also named John, settled with his young family in the wilds of Vernon Township, and many are the bear and wolf stories told of those pioneer days. John and Nancy (Work) Johnston had ten children, seven of whom survive, viz.: Mary, John (deceased), Nancy (deceased), William W., Arthur, Patterson, James, Martha, Jacob (deceased), George. William W., our subject, was married June 3, 1847, to Adeline, daughter of Joseph and Eliza Cotton; one child has blessed this union—Sarah A. Mrs. Johnston was the second in her father's family, which is one of the representative families of the township. Her great-grandfather fought in the Revolutionary war, and her grandfather in the war of 1812. Mr. Johnston was Assessor in 1855 and 1875, also Overseer of the Poor before the erection of the poor-house. Although he never signed the pledge, he was never drunk in his life. He has never been sued as he always promptly met his obligations.

ARTHUR JOHNSTON, farmer, P. O. Watson Run, was born March 31, 1823, in what was then Sadsbury, but now Vernon Township, and is a son of John and Nancy (Work) Johnston, the former a native of Ireland, who came to America with his parents in 1797, settling in this county in 1800. He was born November 1, 1791. His wife, Nancy Work, was the sister of Hon. Judge John Work, of Crawford County, her family being one of the first in the township. They were the parents of ten children: Mary, John (deceased), Nancy (deceased), William W., Arthur, Patterson (named after Gen. Patterson, an uncle), James, Martha, Jacob (deceased) and George. Our subject was married January 2, 1862, to Ellen C., daughter of Alonzo and Angeline (Fuller) Whiting, the eldest child in a family of nine. Four children have been the fruits of this union: John E. (deceased), Alonzo M. (deceased), Jesse W. and Arthur L. Mr. Johnston has filled the offices of School Director, Supervisor of Roads and other township offices. He is a Ruling Elder of the United Presbyterian Church. Is a consistent Democrat.

J. M. JOHNSTON, farmer, P. O. Meadville, was born in this township, November 27, 1845, and is a son of David M. and Elizabeth (May) Johnston, natives of this county. David M. was born in 1814, and was the son of Arthur Johnston, a native of the north of Ireland, who was born in 1788, and came to this country about 1800, and was thrice married, first to Martha Munford, born in north Ireland in 1790, immigrated here in 1800 and married in 1811; secondly, to Mary Burchfield, in 1817, and lastly in 1826, to Margaret McClure. The children of Arthur Johnston were twelve in number: Abigail, David, Margaret, Nancy, James, Mary B., William, Samuel, Alexander, George, Jane and Lydia. David M. Johnston was married, in 1840, to Elizabeth May, who bore him eight children: W. D., Arthur (deceased), J. M., J. B., Martha J., H. L., Annie M. and George W. (deceased). Our subject has the old homestead farm, for which he is agent, his mother residing with him. The farm is well improved and pleasantly situated, and Mr. Johnston is considered one of the township's best citizens. He is a member of Geneva Lodge, K. of H.

DAVID KEBORT, farmer, P. O. Meadville, was born December 22, 1862, in this township, and is a son of Jacob and Catharine (Hesherman) Kebort, natives of this county. Jacob Kebort had nine children, of whom eight survive: George, William, Jacob, John, Michael, Caroline (Mrs. Sterrick), Elizabeth and David. Our subject lives at home in charge of the farm, where are also his mother and brother-in-law, Mr. Sterrick. The farm is very pleasantly located. Jacob Kebort, the father of our subject, died in 1866. The family are members of the Catholic Church.

JOHN KREITER, farmer, P. O. Meadville, was born in Meadville, January 8, 1844, son of John and Elizabeth (Shuster) Kreiter, and grandson of John Kreiter and Christopher Shuster. John Kreiter, Sr., had five children: Mary (Mrs. Kepple), whose children are: Elizabeth, Daniel, Harriet, Walter and Harry; Henry, who married Elizabeth Yokem, and whose children are Mary, Emma, Laura, and John, our subject; Anna, who married Mr. Stine, and their children are Artie, Frank, Harry and Hattie; and Elizabeth, now Mrs. Stolze. Mr. Kreiter, Sr., came to this county in 1833–34, from Germany. Our subject was married in September, 1872, to Emma, daughter of Jacob Leferman, and they have a family of five children: Ella, Annie, Charles, David and Elmer. Mr. Kreiter holds the office of School Director, and is one of the prominent farmers of this county.

JOHN McFARLAND, farmer, P. O. Meadville, was born May 29, 1828, in Meadville, and is a son of John and Salome (Atkinson) McFarland. He was married in 1851 to Eliza, daughter of Lewis Dunham, by whom he has three children: Salome, ordinarily known as Kate, wife of Charles E. Ide (they have two children living: Henry M. and Helen M.; those deceased are: Catharine, Katie and Karl W.), Alfred King (married to Alice May Klengersmith, of Conneautville,) and Maggie.

ALBERT MERRILL, gardener, P. O. Meadville, was born in Cortlandville, N. Y., February 2, 1830, and is a son of Rensselaer and Laura (Sweet) Merrill, the former a native of New York and the latter of Massachusetts. Rensselaer Merrill built and kept the Delevan House eighteen or twenty years, and also kept a temperance house in Elmira, N. Y. He was the father of three sons and one daughter. The sons are: Edgar C., Albert and George V. R., all living. Our subject has been thrice married, first in 1852, to Caroline R. Lutz, by whom he had one daughter—Olive H., now Mrs. Seymour, of Los Angeles, Cal., and who is the mother of three children. Our subject's second marriage was in 1861, to Sarah E. McElroy, who died without issue. In 1866 his third marriage took place, with Elizabeth Moyer, by whom he has one daughter—Ida May. Mr. Merrill came to this county in 1866, engaging for several years in the ice trade, since which time he has been engaged in the cultivation of small fruits and gardening. He is a member of the Baptist Church and of the E. A. U. Politically he is a Republican.

GEORGE MERRITT, car repairer, P. O. Vallonia, was born March 20, 1840, in Yorkshire, England. He is the son of Isaac and Jane (Johnston) Merritt. On coming to America he settled first for seven years near Toronto, Canada, and in 1866 settled in Meadville, where he has ever since been engaged at his trade. Our subject has been thrice married. By his first wife he had one child, Andrew Maxwell. His last marriage took place February 28, 1884, with Mattie J. McMullen, a widow with two children: Wilbur and Clyde. She is a daughter of David and Mary (Hillman) Parks, natives of Pennsylvania. Mr. Merritt is of a social disposition, and is esteemed as a master mechanic. He is a member of the A. O. U. W.

DAVID NELSON, JR., was born in Fairfield Township, this county, November 21, 1809, his parents being Col. David Nelson and Jane (Milligan) Nelson, daughter of John Milligan, Esq., of Westmoreland County, Penn. The parents were married in the spring of 1797, in Cumberland County, shortly afterward removing to this county, then considered the "far West," removing their household goods on the back of a horse on account of there being no thoroughfare but a tow-path, and where they endured many privations. During the war of 1812 this hardy pioneer served a six months' campaign under Gen. Harrison, ranking as Major, at Fort Meigs, and was honor-

ably discharged in the spring of 1813. Later he was commissioned a Colonel by Gov. Snyder, and commanded a regiment in the Second Brigade, Sixteenth Division, Pennsylvania Militia. He died June, 1848, aged seventy-five years. His widow survived him twenty-one years, and died at the advanced age of ninety-four years, having lived on the same farm seventy-two years. David Nelson, Jr., the subject of this sketch, after having obtained as good an education as the schools of that time afforded, engaged in teaching for several terms, and afterward entered the store of Rustin Kennedy, located near the aqueduct, a few miles below Meadville, in the capacity of clerk. He was married in January, 1841, to Miss Anna Randolph, who died in June, 1860. In the spring of 1862 he was united in marriage, for his second wife, with Mrs. Cooper, who died March 9, 1877. October 23, 1878, he was again married, on this occasion to Mrs. Jane C. McKellip, of Mansfield, Ohio, who still survives him. His domestic relations are spoken of as being at all times felicitous. In 1854 Mr. Nelson became a Commissioner of the county and served a full term. It is said by those who had abundant opportunities to be well informed, that "the Board of Commissioners during his term inaugurated reforms in the finances of the county, to which much of its present prosperity is due, and those reforms were urged by and largely the result of Mr. Nelson's close calculations and fine business capacity." Although Mr. Nelson suffered for years with a great physical affliction which finally resulted in a permanent curvature of the spine, he still continued to look after his business interests personally, and at his demise left an estate estimated at between $40,000 and $50,000. He died at his home in Vernon Township on July 29, 1880, of Bright's disease of the kidneys, aged seventy-one years.

MRS. JANE C. NELSON, P. O. Meadville, was born in Unity Township, Westmoreland Co., Penn., December 18, 1814, daughter of Thomas and Agnes (Nelson) Johnston, former of whom was a native of County Fermanagh, Ireland. They were married and settled nine miles north of Greensburg, Westmoreland Co., Penn., in 1799. Our subject was twice married; on first occasion to Hugh McKellip, of Blairsville, Indiana Co., Penn. In 1845 they moved to Mansfield, Ohio, where Mr. McKellip died in 1859. Mrs. McKellip was married in 1878 to her cousin, David Nelson, who died July 29, 1880.

NIAL PEASE, farmer, P. O. Meadville, a well known and influential citizen of this county, was born July 26, 1798, son of Israel and Mary Pease, natives of Hampshire County, Mass., where our subject was born and where his parents lived and died. In 1828 our subject came to this county and bought land of the Huidekopers, returning to his former home, and having his land tilled until he returned and entered upon the work of overseeing and farming it himself. He added farm to farm until he had between 400 and 500 acres adjoining the city, from which he has since sold a portion, still occupying a part, from which he has a view of the city. His residence here dates back to 1847. He was one of ten children, and he and a brother, a hotel-keeper at Walnut Grove, Iowa, are the only survivors. Mr. Pease has that keen intelligence that distinguishes the New England race.

JOSEPH SCOWDEN, farmer, P. O. Meadville, was born in this township November 20, 1823, on the farm on which he resides. He is a son of William and Mary (Patterson) Scowden, natives of Clinton County, Penn. William Scowden came to this county when but nine years of age, settling in Greenwood Township, and there spending the remainder of his days. Mary Patterson, his wife, was born in Pittsburgh, and came to this county in 1797 with her parents. Our subject and his brother William, who resides in Meadville,

are the only survivors of a family of eight children, who all grew to maturity. Our subject was married in September, 1851, to Mary A., daughter of Reuben Brown, and they had seven children, of whom six survive, viz.: Edward A., Fred B., Joseph, James, George S. and Florence E. Edward A. married Annie Weller, and they have one son—Clyde. Mr. Scowden was School Director two years in the township and twelve years in the city, and for nine years County Commissioner, when he again removed to the township, where he has a finely cultivated farm with a thriving lot of small fruit, peaches and other fruit trees. Mr. Scowden is a worthy representative of the farming interest, and is a lover of literature, considering good and useful books among the most essential furnishings of a well-conducted home.

HENRY SHAFER, hotel-keeper, P. O. Meadville, was born May 27, 1833, near Meadville, and is a son of Philip and Elizabeth (Nearmon) Shafer, who were born in the Old World. Philip Shafer came to America in 1828, settling in Union Township, engaging in agricultural pursuits, and rearing a family of six sons: Henry (our subject), Thomas (married Miss Martin), Philip (married Miss Brooks), George (married Miss Quigley), John (married Miss Berry) and David. All of these brothers are yet living and heads of families. Our subject, the eldest, married Emeline, daughter of Jacob F. Brown, by whom he has seven children: Elizabeth, Bertha, Jessie, Gertie, Grace, Blanche and Irene. Mrs. Shafer is one of a family of seven, her twin sister Caroline being now Mrs. Harmon, of Corry. Mr. Shafer was reared in Union Township, and received his education in the county. He has held several township offices, and has been County Commissioner for three years. After disposing of his farm in 1870, for the following nine years he took charge of the Crawford House, after which he took the hotel near the entrance of the fair grounds on a ten years' lease. He is now Secretary of the Horse Fair Association. He is a very pleasant gentleman, distinguished for his prompt business habits.

JOHN E. SHARTEL, farmer, P. O. Watson Run, was born February 7, 1843, in this township, and is a son of John and Jane (Elder) Shartel, the former of whom was born August 30, 1800, and settled in this township in 1829, residing here until his death; his widow still surviving at the age of eighty-one, and able to read without spectacles. She was born in Huntingdon County, Penn., and is a daughter of David and Jane Elder. There were seven in our subject's father's family, of whom he and his brother David are the sole survivors. The latter resides in Chautauqua County, Kan., and has been Superintendent of Schools of that county. His wife's name was Mary Jane Wiley. Our subject was married June 2, 1872, to Jennie, daughter of Hugh McDill, who was the third child of six in the family. Two children have blessed this union: May B. and John F. Mr. Shartel has been Postmaster at Watson Run since 1880. He is one of the leading citizens of the township.

GEORGE H. B. SMITH, farmer, P. O. Meadville, was born in Vernon Township, August 7, 1850, son of John B. and Barbara (Hollar) Smith, his maternal grandparents being Conrad and Catharine Hollar. John B. Smith was a tailor by trade, but after coming from his native country, Germany, in 1839, and settling in this township he followed that occupation but little, taking up the same farm on which our subject yet lives, and there remaining until his decease, October 18, 1867. Of his nine children, six survive: Catharine (Mrs. Froby), Elizabeth (Mrs. Charles Lang), Barbara (Mrs. C. J. Smith), Anna (Mrs. Benson), Wilhelmina (Mrs. Binder), and our subject, who is the third child in the family. Our subject married Anne, daughter of James Bennehoff. By this union there are four children: Emma B., Hattie, Lina B. and Gerty.

CHARLES STRACHAN, SR., machinist, P. O. Vallonia, was born November 21, 1821, in Northamptonshire, England, and is a son of Charles and Eliza (Franks) Strachan, who both died in England, never having emigrated. They had two children, of whom our subject is the only surviving one. He came to America in 1854, remaining in Rochester ten years, and then settled in Meadville. He thoroughly learned his trade as a machinist in Scotland. He was married in 1841 to Ann Couts, a native of Scotland, who has borne him two children: Charles, Jr., and Andrew, who are both machinists. They are at work at the New York, Pennsylvania & Ohio Railroad; are both members of the K. of P. Andrew is a F. & A. M., and a member of the E. A. U. They are both stirring, active young men. Charles married Edith Walker, and they have five children: Charles, Eliza E., Annie, Jennie and Jessie. Andrew married Margery M. Maxwell, and they have three children: Annie B., Andrew and Minerva.

JAMES STURROCK, farmer, P. O. Meadville, was born in 1810 in Scotland, and is a son of John and Isabella (Kergle) Sturrock. After a tedious voyage of fifty-two days our subject landed, in 1844, in the New World, settling in this township, where he has ever since remained. He married, in 1845, Ann, daughter of John Hay, by whom he had ten children, six surviving: James, Adam, John, William, Robert and Isaac; the latter being at home; James and John at Helena, Ark.; William an invalid, and Adam, who married Annie, daughter of Alexander and Isabella (Reid) Smith, natives of Scotland. Mrs. Adam Sturrock was an only child, and her union has been blessed with two children: Elizabeth and David. Mr. Smith, her father, was originally a shoe-maker, but followed farming after he purchased the interests of the Hay heirs. The wife of our subject was one of five children in the family of her father, John Hay, of whom the only survivors are Mrs. Kidd and herself.

WALTER D. TRACE, farmer, P. O. Meadville, was born in this township, September 12, 1813, son of John and Mary (Miller) Trace, who settled in Vernon Township in 1802, and endured all the privations that fell to the lot of the pioneers of those days, raising a family of fourteen children, of whom besides our subject four survive: John, Jacob, Amos, Lydia (Mrs. J. Nicholson, of Clay County, Iowa). Our subject was married, January 7, 1841, to Harriet V., youngest child of J. Lindsey, who was born in Pennsylvania, and his wife in New York. Mr. and Mrs. Trace were blessed with nine children, viz.: Lucy (Mrs. Strayer, and has three children: Hattie L., Erwin and DeEtta M.), Adeline L. (Mrs. Lancelot Johnston, has one child—Harry W.), Henry W., Urilla J., Jesse L. (married Sara Flaugh, and has one child—Florence M.), John L. (deceased), Homer D., Allen O. and Burton E. Our subject is one of a large family of children, whose parents labored long and hard to leave to them a goodly inheritance, and now in his turn is ready to lay down the things of earth for the good of his children. He has been one of the leading farmers of his township, and has given his family all the advantages of a good education. His sons now have charge of the farm, and are enterprising young men, raising a good class of stock and farming on modern principles. The family belong to the Methodist Episcopal Church.

SAMUEL TRACE, car builder and carpenter, P. O. Vallonia, was born April 12, 1814, in this township, and is son of George and Dorothy (Sherria) Trace, who were born near Philadelphia, Penn., and settled in Vernon Township in 1797, being among the first settlers. They had sixteen children, of whom seven survive: Jacob, George, Michael, Daniel, Rachel (Mrs. Cole), Sophia (Mrs. Bailey), and Samuel. Our subject was married, June 3, 1847, to

Mary Ann Peelman, who was born December 8, 1822, and has borne him eleven children, all of whom are living except Margaret: Emma E. (Mrs. A. T. Terry), Margaret (Mrs. Swartout, deceased), George H. (married Florence Shorts), Edward E. (married Adelia Chapin), Rachel M. (Mrs. Chester Terry), Martha B., Cordell, William and Hattie, Francis L. (now in Dakota) and Samuel F. Our subject has been Councilman, Street Commissioner and Treasurer of Vallonia, and is the twenty-seventh member of the A. O. U. W. He helped to build the first canal boat that floated on the branch canal of Erie; also, in connection with Mr. Potter, the first boat that went to what is now La Salle, Ill; also helped to build the deep cut in Warren, Ohio, and was one of the leading carpenters of his day. In connection also with Mr. Potter, he took three frame buildings on those canal boats to what was then called Peru, La Salle Co., Ill., in 1836, and put them up, they being the third, fourth and fifth erected in the place. He is now a resident of Vallonia.

ABRAHAM L. TRITT, farmer, P. O. Meadville, was born January 1, 1821, in Cumberland County, Penn., and is a son of George and Susan (Line) Tritt, who emigrated from Cumberland County in 1823 to near Akron, Ohio; thence in 1829 to this township, there raising his three children, Sally A., William G. and Abraham L. Our subject was married June 16, 1853, to Sarah, daughter of William and Mary Compton, who died June 18, 1855, leaving one daughter—Anna M.—now the wife of John Wilkinson, formerly a merchant, but who now resides on the farm with our subject, who has never remarried. Mr. and Mrs. Wilkinson have had five children, of whom two survive, viz.: John W. and Sarah C.; the deceased are: Arthur, Mary E., and Thomas L. Our subject occupies that portion of the farm purchased of the Holland Company, and which is ranked among the best lands of the township, and is furnished with the best improvements. He is a member of the Second Presbyterian Church; in politics is a Republican.

WILLIAM G. TRITT, farmer, P. O. Meadville, was born December 18, 1826, in Summit County, Ohio, and is a son of George and Susanna (Line) Tritt, who were born in the same year, 1791, in Cumberland County, Penn.; were married in 1814; in 1823 settled in Stark (now Summit) County, Ohio, nine miles south of Akron. In 1829 they removed to this township, settling on Section 58. Our subject's mother died June 9, 1876, and his father followed October 4, 1882. The children were Abraham L. (a widower), Sally A. (Mrs. Hugh Wilson, a resident of this township) and William G. Our subject was married November 24, 1857, to Elizabeth, daughter of William Denny, by whom he has two daughters: Amelia and Sarah F. Mr. Tritt is a prominent farmer, and has one of the finest locations in the township, the view from his elegant and spacious residence being unsurpassed. Although no office seeker, he has held various positions of trust, among which are those of School Director and Auditor. He belongs to the Methodist denomination.

HENRY VAN RIPER, JR., coppersmith, P. O. Vallonia, was born May 15, 1840, in Paterson, N. J., and is a son of Henry and Hannah (Garabrant) Van Riper, natives of New Jersey, and three of their family now survive: Preston, who married Josephine Parks; Aaron, who married Mary Clingensmith, but who bore the name of Hazen from that of the family by whom she was reared, and Henry. Our subject was educated at Paterson; in September, 1861, he enlisted in Company G, Seventh Regiment, New Jersey Volunteer Infantry, under Capt. McKernan, serving three years in the Army of the Potomac; was wounded at Gettysburg, and was discharged in September, 1864. He was married in 1863 to Annie Walsh, a native of Ireland; they have seven children: Hannah, Henry, William, David, Jennie, Annie B. (Mrs. Curtis),

and Gertie. They lost two children, Lillie and an infant. Our subject learned coppersmithing in Paterson, N. J., and has been employed since 1869 in the copper and tin shops of Meadville. He is a member of the K. of P. and A. O. U. W. Is politically a Republican.

JOSEPH P. WILLIAMS, farmer, P. O. Watson Run, was born September 19, 1832, on the farm on which his parents lived and died. He is the son of John D. and Nancy (Gibson) Williams, the former born in what was then Lycoming County, Penn., the latter in Ireland. Our subject's father came with his parents to this township in 1796, having been born February 16, 1787, and married in 1818 or 1819. His family consisted of five sons and six daughters: Robert W. (deceased), Jane D. (Mrs. Cyrus Skiff, died, leaving one daughter—Almira—now Mrs. B. Van Horne), Andrew J. (deceased, left four children), Josiah G. (deceased), Sarah A. (deceased), Eliza H. (Mrs. J. Work), Joseph P., Mary M. (Mrs. J. Beaty, has four children), Lamanda G. (deceased), John H. (married Elizabeth Whitesides, and has one child), and Nancy M. A. Our subject was the seventh child of his father's family, and was married February 12, 1857, to Sara E., daughter of Amasa Wheeler, she being the third child in her father's family. This union has been blessed with two sons; Mark W. and Claude W. Mr. Williams has been School Director, Township Auditor, and is at present one of the Jury Commissioners. Politically he is a Democrat. His father was a soldier in the war of 1812. His grandfather, Andrew Williams, was born in 1752..

HUGH WILSON, farmer, P. O. Meadville, was born March 1, 1819, in Bucks County, Penn., and is a son of Francis and May (Gibson) Wilson, who came to Mead Township, where they spent the remainder of their days. They were the parents of eight children, five of whom survive: Elliott, Ely, Amanda (Mrs. L. Merrill), Harriet (wife of Thomas Wright, a graduate of Allegheny College, residing in Iowa) and Hugh. Our subject was married in 1847 to Sally A., daughter of George and Susanna Tritt, by whom he has one child—George T.—who married Lizzie Edeburn, they have two children: Wallace A. and Grace E. George T. Wilson and family reside in Meadville. Our subject has resided in Vernon Township since 1837, and is looked upon as one of the most prominent residents. He and his family belong to the Second Presbyterian Church.

DAVID A. WISHART, railroad conductor, P. O. Meadville, was born April 26, 1852, in Mercer County, Penn., and is a son of David and Maria (Hewett) Wishart, the former a native of Bedford County, Penn., the latter of New York State, and of Scottish and German ancestry respectively. Our subject's paternal grandfather came to America in 1798; settled east of the mountains; had eleven children, of whom four still survive: David (our subject's father), Jane and Sara (both married) and Samuel. David Wishart, Sr., had the following children: James, David A., Henry L., Frank, William, Annie. Our subject was married July 21, 1875, to Agnes, daughter of Adam Arthur, by whom he has three children: David H., Lula L. and Essie E. Mr. Wishart is an energetic and reliable conductor on the Meadville Branch Railway, and has been nine years in the railway service.

JOHN ZIMMERMAN, farmer, P. O. Meadville, was born May 14, 1816, in Germany, son of Frederick and Margaret Zimmerman, who had a family of three children: Michael (deceased), John and Elizabeth (Mrs. Rice, of Meadville). When Frederick Zimmerman landed in New York City in 1834, it being the 4th of July, he thought there was a riot in the city until he learned the cause of the demonstration. Our subject married, August 4, 1840, Leana Hashelman, by whom he has had eleven children, ten surviving: Philip, Fred-

erick, John, Elizabeth, Margaret (now Mrs. Beiter), Hattie (now Mrs. Case), George, Catharine, Adam (deceased), Frank and Lewis. Philip married Lucy Faibre; Frederick married Eva Ellis; Elizabeth now Mrs. Tyler. Our subject devotes himself to whatever will benefit his family. He has a beautiful estate, gained piece by piece, located in the table-lands, and everything shows order and neatness.

WAYNE TOWNSHIP.

JOHN ALLEN (deceased) was born in 1815, in Lancaster County, Penn. He was a farmer by occupation. He was married to Miss Mary Martin, a native of this county, by whom he had eight children: Robert, Sarah, Martin, Henriette Josephine, John, Thomas and Ida. During the late rebellion Robert and Martin were in the army, the latter dying in the hospital at Washington. Thomas, who is a farmer, was born April 11, 1854, and is living at home with his mother. Our subject was a consistent member of the Methodist Episcopal Church for several years previous to his death, which occurred July 26, 1881.

JOHN FERRY, farmer, P. O. Wilson's Mills, was born in Wayne Township, this county, March 25, 1838, and is the second son of Edward and Jane (Hendershot) Ferry, of Wayne Township, this county. He was reared on a farm, obtained a common school education, and entered upon his career in life as a farmer, which occupation he has always followed, with the exception of two years spent in the oil regions, where he worked on the first well sunk. He was married July 5, 1864, to Mary Lepley, a native of this county, who has borne him three children: Helen, Annie and Nancy. Mr. Ferry, about 1868, purchased his present farm, which consists of eighty acres. He is an active member of the Grange, at Cochranton. Politically he is identified with the Democratic party.

CHARLES A. LANG, farmer, P. O. Cochranton, was born in Wurtemberg, Germany, April 25, 1844, and is a son of Gotlieb and Annie (Fell) Lang, natives of Germany and who have seven children living. Our subject received a limited education in the common schools of his native land and Clarion County, Penn., whither he had come with his parents in 1854. In early life he was employed in milling and learning the cooper's trade, which occupation he followed for five years. He eventually turned his attention to agricultural pursuits, purchased his present place in 1871, and in connection with farming operates a steam threshing machine. During the late war he enlisted in Company I, One Hundred and Eleventh Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry and served his country three years and seven months. He participated in twenty-two general engagements, receiving two wounds, one at the battle of Gettysburg and the other at Peach Tree Creek, Ga., where he was made prisoner and confined in Andersonville, Charleston, Florence and Libby prisons consecutively. He was paroled from Libby prison after a confinement of seven months and four days' duration. Mr. Lang was married September 6, 1868, to Miss Elizabeth Smith, of Vernon Township, this county, born November 19, 1847, by whom he has five children: Annie, Adelaide, Sarah, William and Nettie. Our subject is an energetic, enterprising man, well worthy of the high esteem in which he is held. He has served his township as Supervisor

one term, is Commander of the Silas W. Smith Post, 411, G. A. R., at Cochranton, and is a strong advocate of the principles of the Republican party.

GEORGE W. LONG, farmer and surveyor, P. O. Wilson's Mills, was born in Centre County, Penn., February 27, 1818, and is a son of James and Mary A. (Seiler) Long. His grandfather, James Long, came from Susquehanna to Woodcock Township, this county, in 1794, and here spent the remainder of his days. His maternal grandfather, Joseph Seiler, a native of Germany, came to America in 1774, and was one of the first settlers in Centre County, Penn., where he lived and died. He was a soldier during the whole of the Revolutionary war. James Long, Jr., our subject's father, left Woodcock Township, this county, in 1809, locating in Centre County, Penn., where he remained till 1832; then resided in Mercer County, Penn., until the spring of 1834, when he went to Fairfield Township, this county, residing there nearly a year. After this he settled in Wayne Township, this county, in 1836, locating on the farm now occupied by the heirs of Benjamin Beers, which he cleared and improved, and on which he resided till his death, June 9, 1849, in his seventy-first year. He had four children: George W., Benjamin S., John G. and Joseph I. The subject of this sketch has resided most of the time in Wayne Township since 1834, and since 1845 has followed the occupation of a surveyor. His first marriage was with Nancy A., daughter of Edward Ferry, who settled in this township in 1806. By this union there were seven children, of whom two—James and George W.—are now living. His present wife is Nancy A., daughter of David Holton, an early settler of this township, by whom he had eight children, six now living: Frank, Andrew, Emma, Martha, Etta and Rosa. Mr. Long has resided on his present farm since 1880. He has served his township one term as Justice of the Peace and is the Postmaster at Wilson's Mills. In politics he is a Democrat.

ISAAC MONDERAU, farmer and Justice of the Peace, P. O. Sugar Lake, was born in Mead Township, this county, April 9, 1855, son of John and Susan (Sieurin) Monderau, natives of France, the former of whom came to America in 1847, the latter two years later. They are now residing in Wayne Township, this county, and are the parents of seven children, of whom Isaac is the youngest. After attending Allegheny College seven terms and receiving a diploma at the commercial college, Meadville, Penn., our subject began the battle of life as a school teacher, following this occupation, in connection with farming, several years. He came to his present farm in 1882. Was united in marriage March 16, same year, with Miss Nancy McDill, born August 28, 1861, daughter of James McDill, and by this union has been born one child—Harvy James. Mr. Monderau is an energetic, enterprising young man, and though not a member of any church, takes quite a prominent part in soliciting and collecting subscriptions for the advancement of religious enterprises. For a few years he has been more or less extensively engaged in the fire insurance business. He is now serving his second term as Justice of the Peace, being elected in 1877. Is the present Democratic nominee for Register and Recorder, his education well fitting him for any office he may be called upon to fill. He is an A. F. & A. M. and a member of the K. P. Was formerly a Granger.

JOHN F. NELSON, farmer, P. O. Cochranton, was born in Mercer County, Penn., January 24, 1831, son of Samuel and Sarah Nelson, and came to this county when seven years of age. He was reared by his uncle, James Cochran, on the farm where he now lives, and was educated in the same neighborhood. On October 4, 1855, he was married to Miss Sarah P., daughter of Rev. Samuel F. Smith, who was born July 2, 1799, on the Atlantic Ocean, as his parents were

coming from Ireland to America (he was the first minister of the Associate Reformed, now the United Presbyterian, Church), and Mary Smith. Mrs. Nelson was born November 19, 1833, and has been the mother of ten children: Marion, Samuel S., Cordelia, Jennie B., Silas W., Mary S., James H., William S., John P. and Sarah M. Marion is married to Samuel T. Hart, and Cordelia to William C. Bell. The daughters are all members of the Presbyterian Church, except Cordelia, who belongs to the United Presbyterian Church, the choice of her husband. Both Mr. and Mrs. Nelson are members of the Presbyterian Church. Mr. Nelson is a Republican. He has a well-improved farm of 260 acres, which is a part of the farm bought by James Cochran at an early day.

WEST FALLOWFIELD.

W. S. ANDREWS, farmer, P. O. Adamsville, was born in July, 1816, in this county, and is a son of Joseph and Esther (Snodgrass) Andrews. Joseph Andrews came from the north of Ireland, and settled in East Fallowfield in 1802; had nine children, of whom two are yet living: John, a resident of Wisconsin, and W. S. Our subject was married in 1837, to Jane H., daughter of Hugh B. Andrews, who held the office of Justice of the Peace, under the appointment law, for many years, and which was then the law of the land. His wife was a cousin. Our subject had a family of eight children; the living are: Mary, Margaret, Jane, Esther and James. Mr. Andrews occupies a part of 400 acres of land, which was his father's or wife's father's, near Adamsville. He is of a quiet disposition, and is now retired in good circumstances, having resided here sixty-eight years, and having been one of the leading farmers of the township. His father-in-law was for many years Assessor, and used to make his own returns to Harrisburg on foot, bringing back such things as his friends required. Mr. Andrews has taken a deep interest in education, and has served as School Director.

REV. H. H. HERVEY, pastor of the United Presbyterian Church at Hartstown, was born in County Down, Ireland, October 10, 1826, and is a son of James and Mary (Ford) Hervey. His father came to this State in 1846, settling in Tarentum, Allegheny County, where he remained till his death. He had a family of seven sons and one daughter, four now living: Robert, deceased; William, deceased; John; Mary, deceased; James; H. H.; Ford, deceased, and David. John married Agnes Shaw; James married Miss McMath, and David is a widower. Our subject was married October 11, 1853, to Jane M., daughter of Charles Porter, of Huntingdon County, Penn., who was the third child in a family of six children. The result of this union was nine children, of whom two survive: Mary, wife of Dr. Walker, of Linesville, and Jennie, at home, who is a cultured young lady with a natural aptitude for art. The deceased are: Charles P., Frederick W., Annie (twin with Jennie), Emma and Helen. Mr. Hervey received his early education in Ireland, and in 1846 entered the Western University at Pittsburgh, whence he graduated in 1848. He afterward entered the Associate Reformed Theological Seminary, graduating thence in 1852, and after having traveled a year in the interest of the church came to Crawford County, and here settled. Soon after he married. He was ordained by the Presbytery of the Lakes, of Associate Reformed

Church, and has since remained as pastor of the same charge—at first of three churches, and now by the union of two of these, over two churches. Mr. Hervey is a man of ability, and well respected in the community.

SAMUEL E. HUNTER, hotel-keeper and farmer, Hartstown, was born February 12, 1833, in Saegertown, in this county, and is a son of David and Mary E. (Carr) Hunter, natives of Butler County, Penn. David Hunter came to this county at an early day and raised a family of five sons and three daughters—Mary, W. G., Robert, Griffith, Samuel E., John, Eliza (deceased), Nancy (died in infancy). Mary is widow of Mr. Davison killed in the war; Wilson G. married Ellen Emons; Robert married Sarah McGill; Griffith married Lucinda Hicker; John married Lovina Brookhouser; Eliza died October 5, 1865. Samuel E. Hunter was married January 5, 1854, to Mary, daughter of John Clark, who had four children: William, Samuel, J. P. S., and Mary, wife of our subject. Mr. Clark was twice married; lost his first wife in February, 1842; was then married to a Miss Allison, by whom he had one daughter—Belle. He died in Corry in 1878. Mrs. Hunter was his eldest child. Our subject had seven children: Sarah E., Henry E., Edgar E., Annie D., Bertha D., Merty, and an infant son, a twin of Merty, deceased. Mr. Hunter has been Burgess and Street Commissioner of Hartstown. His wife is a member of the Presbyterian Church. Mr. Hunter has kept hotel for fifteen years, and is one of the oldest citizens.

S. K. MILLER, Postmaster, Hartstown, was born in Adams County, Penn., May 14, 1822, and is a son of John and Elizabeth (Shriver) Miller, natives of this State. His father was a blacksmith, and removed from this State to Ohio in 1823, settling near Petersburg, Ohio, and his family consisted of eleven children, of whom six survive, four now in Crawford County. These four are Jesse, Hiram P., Elizabeth (now Mrs. Mayo, near Atlantic), and S. K. Our subject now lives in this township, and was married January 29, 1857, to Silence, daughter of John Ellis. They have two children: Myron M., and Milo H. Mrs. Miller was the third in her father's family of ten children. Mr. Miller enlisted September 2, 1864, in the Two Hundred and Eleventh Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, and served during the balance of the war; he was appointed Postmaster August 6, 1878, and still holds the office, and makes an excellent official. Politically he is a Republican.

JOSEPH PATTON, retired, Hartstown, was born in Fayette County, Penn., September 29, 1805, and is a son of David and Mary (Free) Patton. His father died in 1810, when Joseph was but five years old. The family consisted of a younger brother and himself. His mother came to this county in 1827, settling in North Shenango, although Joseph was in South Shenango most of the time. He lived in his native county till he was twenty-one years of age, and there learned cabinet making and carpentering, and also worked at the undertaking business. He purchased a farm in this township which he improved in connection with working at his trade. In 1847 he was elected County Commissioner, serving three years. In 1849 he was elected to the Legislature, serving one year, and in 1870 was again elected County Commissioner. He was one of the first Justices of the Peace in this vicinity, serving fifteen years. He was also one of the most efficient School Directors in his township. During most of the time he held these offices he was working at his trade, building many houses in Hartstown, when that village commenced, and in the country; having exchanged his farm for a farm near Hartstown, where he now resides. For many years he has been a leading citizen; since 1867 he has suffered from the effects of a severe cut from a circular saw, which nearly severed his right arm. He has since turned his attention to

public affairs, and has done much service. He was married, March 15, 1832, to Phœbe, daughter of Petterson Espy, the eldest of a large family, who resided near Espyville. They have been blessed with four sons and four daughters: Mary, David, Thomas, Mercy A., Joseph F., George, Maria J. and Phœbe E., all living. Mary married J. M. Baird, near Hartstown; David married Mary Allen, and lives in Fort Collins, Col., where he is a County Commissioner; Thomas, a farmer, married Elizabeth McMaster; Mercy married J. Eindley, and is now a widow in Greenville with two children; George, a merchant and harness-maker, married Mary Bean and lives in Madison County, Iowa; Maria married Rev. J. W. Nevin, of Fayette County; Phœbe E. is the wife of W. F. Tunison, a grocer in Greenville. All the family are married and doing well, while the parents are retired citizens of Hartstown, wealthy and respected. Mr. Espy, father of Mrs. Patton, was an early pioneer, and her brother yet lives on the home farm. Mr. Patton and family are members of the United Presbyterian Church. Politically, he is a Democrat.

R. A. SNODGRASS, physician and surgeon, Hartstown, was born in South Shenango Township, March 20, 1843, and is a son of James M. and Mary A. (Gamble) Snodgrass. His father was a native of this county, and his family contained four sons and two daughters: Elizabeth P. (now Mrs. J. McFeeters), R. A. (our subject), Rev. William J. (pastor of the United Presbyterian Church at West Middlesex, Penn., married Mattie Herrick), Emeline (now Mrs. Robert Royer), Henry H. (married Selina Edibenru), Dr. David J. (married Lida Temple and resides at West Middlesex, Penn.) Our subject was married, September 5, 1867, to Sennie, daughter of Charles Root, now of Nebraska, and who is the father of six children, of whom Mrs. Snodgrass is the youngest. The result of this union has been three children, of whom one —Emma—survives. The Doctor received his early education in the schools of his native township; attended the Jamestown Academy, and commenced the study of materia medica in 1864 at Buffalo Medical College, and graduated February 22, 1870. He practiced for four years with Dr. W. J. Gamble, of Mosiertown, and in 1874 he came to Hartstown, where he has been engaged in the practice of his profession ever since. He has been School Director for seven years, and is now Burgess of the village. In political views he is a Republican, and is a much esteemed member of the community.

WEST SHENANGO.

VALENTINE HITCHCOCK, farmer, P. O. Jamestown, Mercer Co., Penn., was born in Steuben County, N. Y., April 12, 1835, and is a son of Oliver Hitchcock, who came to this county in 1831, settling in what is now West Shenango, and there remained until his death in 1878. His widow still lives in Ashtabula County, Ohio. Their family consisted of ten children, seven surviving: Sidney, in Iowa, Mary A., Viola, Phœbe, Abigail, Jane and Valentine. The deceased are Cornelia, Emma and Elsa. Our subject was married, November 10, 1865, to Miss Elizabeth, daughter of John Graham, and who was the third of four daughters in the family. The result of this union is five children: Harry, Clarence, Lewis, Wallace G. and Walter (twins). Mr. Hitchcock has served as Justice of the Peace of the township for eight years, and has held the position of School Director for many years. In politics he is a

Republican, and is a leading man on that side, in his township. He is located on a pleasantly situated and well-improved farm two miles from Jamestown. He enlisted October, 1861, and served until August 12, 1863. He was promoted to Second Lieutenant for gallant service.

F. Y. ROYAL, farmer, P. O. Turnersville, was born February 10, 1822, in this township, and is a son of Peter and Mary (Yokes) Royal. His father came to this county in 1798, with his parents, who settled in West Shenango. Peter Royal was from New Jersey; his wife was from Virginia. Our subject remembers when the county was very new, and has heard much from his grandparents of the privations of the early days. His advantages were few, compared to those of the present, yet he seems to have enjoyed life fully as well as those who live amid all modern improvements. His grandparents came into the woods, and began as pioneers that struggle with nature, and whose victories are represented in the beautifully developed farms now enjoyed by their descendants. Peter Royal was the father of eight children who grew to maturity, and but two of whom now survive: Mrs. Saville Cole, and F. Y. Our subject was first married to Miss Rebecca Betts, by whom he had one child—Melvina—now Mrs. De Voss. By his second wife, Emily C. Pratt, he has one child —Mary C.—now Mrs. Norton. Mr. Royal occupies a part of 100 acres which were owned by his father; is one of the leading farmers of the township, and has been ten years Justice of the Peace; is also School Director. He and his family belong to the Methodist Episcopal Church.

JOHN W. SNODGRASS, farmer, P. O. Jamestown, Mercer Co., Penn., was born in South Shenango, now West Shenango, Township, February 15, 1839, and is a son of John and Mary (Rankin) Snodgrass. The father came from Ireland in 1800, stopping for a few months in Virginia before coming to this county; the mother was born in this country; they passed the remainder of their days in Crawford County, the former dying in 1865 and the latter following soon after. John Snodgrass was a member of the Seceder Church, and, after the union, of the United Presbyterian Church, of North Shenango. His children were twelve in number, as follows: Rebecca (Mrs. Birchfield), deceased; Jane (Mrs. Cole), deceased; Mary Ann (Mrs. Smith), deceased; Eliza, unmarried; Adeline, unmarried; Benjamin, unmarried; Martha (Mrs. De Camp); Matthew R., married, December 29, 1860, Orpha, daughter of William Gregory; Emeline, widow of Mr. Fenton; Eleanor (Mrs. John Ross); John W.; and Ebenezer, youngest, deceased. Our subject was married November 5, 1874, to Sarah C., daughter of John Ross, of Mercer County, Penn. They have had four children, two deceased: Eddie, born October 19, 1875, and died December 4, 1878, and Minnie M., born January 1, 1883. The living children are John Elmer, born February 13, 1878; Orr Carle, born June 10, 1880. Mrs. Snodgrass was one of three children in her father's family, and the youngest of those living. Mr. Snodgrass has a finely located farm of 109 acres near Jamestown, and has been Auditor, Supervisor, Collector, and held other township offices. He is a member of the United Presbyterian Church. The father served in the war of 1812, and our subject served in the war of 1861 and 1865; one year and a half in the cavalry service; sworn in February 16, 1864, mustered out July 22, 1865, at Cloud's Mills, Va.

WOODCOCK TOWNSHIP.

WILLIAM A. BALLIET, farmer, P. O. Long's Stand, was born in Woodcock Township, this county, November 25, 1829, son of Joseph and Mary (Swartz) Balliet, who came from Lehigh County and settled here about 1825, the former of whom was a son of Daniel Balliet, and of French descent, the latter a daughter of Daniel Swartz, formerly of Lehigh County, Penn., and an early settler of Woodcock Township, this county, locating here about 1825. Joseph Balliet had four children: William A.; Lavina, wife of Augustus Sweeney, of Vernon Township, this county; Angeline, wife of David McFadden, of Meadville, and Matilda, wife of John S. Bell. Our subject was married, February 3, 1878, to Hattie A., daughter of Edmund and Philena (Baldwin) Smith, formerly of New York, of Summerhill Township, this county, by whom he had two children: Joseph E. and Charles W. Mr. Balliet's wife died November 9, 1882. He has always lived in this township, and now owns the homestead first settled by his father, who died in 1869, at the age of sixty-six. His mother is still living.

SAMUEL J. BECK, farmer, Saegertown, was born in Lower Nazareth Township, Northampton County, Penn., June 2, 1837, son of George H. and Elizabeth (Johnson) Beck, both of German descent; the latter a daughter of Jacob Johnson, and a native of Northampton County, Penn. Our subject resided in Lehigh County, Penn., nine years previous to his coming to Saegertown. He was married, October 21, 1862, to Abbie, daughter of Nicholas and Rebecca (Biery) Snyder, of this place. The former was a native of Carbon County, Penn., and a son of Nicholas Snyder, an early settler of that county; the latter was a daughter of Frederick Biery, an early settler of Lehigh County, Penn. The Snyders were of German descent, and settled in Woodcock Township, this county, about 1830. They were parents of three children, two now living: Mary A., wife of Charles Saeger, and Abbie. Our subject settled in Saegertown in 1863, on the Snyder homestead, comprising eighty-six acres, most of which is under a high state of cultivation. Mr. Beck has held nearly every office in the gift of the borough. In politics he is a Democrat. He and his wife are members of the Lutheran Church.

JOHN S. BELL, farmer and stock-dealer, P. O. Long's Stand, was born in County Antrim, Ireland, December 4, 1826; son of Francis and Mary (Sloan) Bell. The former was a son of David and Margaret (Agnew) Bell, the latter was a daughter of John and Polly (McCullough) Sloan. They had three children: David, killed at Pittsburg Landing during the war of the Rebellion (his body was taken to Illinois, and buried near Mt. Morris); John S., and Margaret, wife of John G. Wilson, of Woodcock Township, this county. Our subject received a limited education in Ireland, where he remained until he was thirteen. His father died when he was a small boy, and his mother afterward married Patrick Blair, and immigrated to America in 1835, settling in Woodcock Township, this county, on the farm now owned by George McIntosh; in 1840 Mrs. Blair went to Ireland for her three children, whom she brought back with her. Both she and her husband died on the farm they settled on here. After coming to this county, our subject worked on the farm until 1850, when he went to California, where he engaged in mining and general merchan-

dise business for seven years. He then returned to this county, where he has since resided, buying his present farm in Woodcock Township in 1859. His farm comprises 147 acres, all under a high state of cultivation. Besides farming Mr. Bell is a breeder and dealer in thoroughbred short horn and Durham cattle, getting the original stock from Kentucky. His herd now comprises fourteen head, of which he has the pedigree, and most of which is registered in the "American Herd Book." He was married May 15, 1873, to Matilda, daughter of Joseph and Polly (Swartz) Balliet, of Woodcock Township, this county. He has filled nearly all of the township offices. In politics is a Democrat.

WORTHY B. BIRCHARD, farmer, P. O. Saegerstown, was born in what is now Cambridge Township, this county, September 24, 1826; son of Worthy and Lucy (Pickett) Birchard. His paternal grandparents, James and Lucy (Gillett) Birchard, came from Berkshire County, Mass., to this county in 1813, locating in Cambridge Township, where he, with the assistance of his sons, cleared and improved the farm now owned by D. D. Birchard. He was a son of James and Lydia (King) Birchard. The Birchards are descended from John Birchard, a native of the County of Kent, England, who settled in 1635 in Norwich, Conn. The wife of James Birchard (our subject's grandfather), was Lucy, daughter of Deacon Isaac and Honora (Stevens) Gillett, of Southwick, Mass., formerly of Granby, Conn. James Birchard died August 1, 1852, in his eighty-sixth year; his wife had preceded him August 25, 1847, in her eighty-second year. They were the parents of ten children: James K. (deceased), Virgil (deceased), Lucy (deceased), Honora S. (deceased), Worthy, Lydia O. (deceased), Darius D. (deceased), Cyrus, Levi G., and Adeline F. (deceased). Of these, Worthy, born in Becket, Mass., married, May 4, 1822, Lucy, daughter of John and Ruth (Boardman) Pickett, of Ashtabula, Ohio, who bore him three children: Eliza A. (deceased), Worthy B., and Sally R. He lived in Cambridge Township, this county, until 1827, when he located in Woodcock Township, clearing and improving the farm now occupied by his son, Worthy B. He is now (May, 1884,) in his eighty-fourth year; has been a member of the Presbyterian Church since 1826. Our subject was married August 31, 1852, to Mary E., daughter of Rev. O. P. and Aurelia (Ames) Brown, of Stockton, Chautauqua Co., N. Y. By this union were eleven children: Eva M. (deceased), Ida A., Flora L., Charles W., George B. (deceased), Anna E., Edgar, Arthur B., Dolly (deceased), Jessie (deceased) and Harry L. Of these Eva M. married F. W. Mills, and had three children: Frank W., Edith and Clarence B. (latter deceased). Mr. Birchard resides on the old homestead. Mrs. Birchard is a member of the Presbyterian Church. In politics he is a Republican.

BENJAMIN BOSSARD, farmer, P. O. Saegerstown, was born in Woodcock Township, this county, October 7, 1830, and is a son of Samuel and Sarah (Flaugh) Bossard. His paternal grandparents, John H. and Catherine (Link) Bossard, came from Westmoreland County, Penn., to this township in 1796, taking up, clearing and improving 100 acres of land now occupied by Nicholas Flaugh, J. H. Bossard and others. John H. Bossard's father, Solomon Bossard, was a native of Switzerland. Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Bossard had thirteen children: Benjamin, John H., Rosanna (wife of M. Spellman), Hannah (wife of A. Leffingwell), Catherine (wife of Daniel Zone), Martin V., Andrew J., Jacob (deceased), Amanda (wife of Samson Flaugh), Celestia (wife of A. B. Nilson), Eliza A. (wife of E. P. Young), Mary (wife of W. C. Clay) and Samuel. Our subject was married, April 14, 1870, to Emelda, daughter of Martin and Emily (Brookhouser) Flick, early settlers of Woodcock Township.

By this union there are three children: Clara E., James and Lee B. Mr. Bossard has dwelt on his present farm since 1865, and has always lived in this township with the exception of a four years' residence in Meadville, Penn. He has served as Assessor and Collector of Woodcock Township. In politics he is a Democrat.

GRIFFITH CARR, farmer, P. O. Saegerstown, was born in what is now Clinton County, Penn., October 17, 1816, and is a son of Griffith and Jane (Brown) Carr, who came to Woodcock Township, this county, about 1817 or 1818, and located on the farm now owned by our subject, which was first settled by David Carr, a brother of Griffith, Sr., who took up the land in about 1800. Griffith Carr, Sr., had four children: Eliza (wife of Hartshorn Randolp, deceased), John (of Meadville, Penn.), Kate (wife of Mr. Chatley, deceased) and Griffith. Our subject was married, June 15, 1848, to Eunice E., daughter of Henry and Penelope (Carr) McGill. Her paternal grandfather, Arthur McGill, was a native of Ireland, and settled in Woodcock Township, this county, in 1794. Her maternal grandfather was David Carr, above mentioned. Of the eight children born to Mr. and Mrs. Carr but one survives—Thomas Ewing Griffith. Mr. Carr went to Illinois in 1839, remaining till 1846, when he went to California, and while there he volunteered for three months' service in the Mexican war, but served six. In 1847 he returned to Illinois, and in 1848 came to this county, married and returned to Illinois, where he lived until 1850, when he again went to California. He returned to Crawford County in 1852, and purchased the old Carr homestead, where he has since resided. He has held various offices in the gift of his township. In politics he is a Democrat.

CORNELIUS A. CARRINGER, miller, P. O. Long's Stand, was born in Mercer County, Penn., December 7, 1834, and is a son of Henry and Nancy (Feathers) Carringer, and grandson of Martin Carringer, a native of Germany, who settled in what is now Perry Township, Mercer County, in 1799. He was a soldier in the Revolutionary war, serving under Gen. Anthony Wayne. Our subject was reared on a farm and followed agricultural pursuits in Mercer County till 1875, when he came to this county, locating in Woodcock and purchasing the property known as the Old Dickson Grist Mill, the first built in this county, and has followed milling ever since. Mr. Carringer has been twice married, on the first occasion February 10, 1859, to Nancy E., daughter of Wesley and Nancy (Donaldson) Green, of Lawrence County, Penn., who bore him four children, two now living: Nanie J. (wife of Charles Shrubb) and Clara E. (wife of Ira Wygant). He was again married, July 17, 1871, to Nancy E., daughter of William and Elizabeth Donaldson, of Lawrence County. Since purchasing, Mr. Carringer has built an addition to the mill, 16x28, making the total size 28x53 feet. He is a member of the K. of H.; in politics a Republican.

JAMES CLARK, Woodcock, was born in this township, March 2, 1805; son of Nathaniel and Grizzella (Hammond) Clark, the former a native of Armstrong County, Penn., and son of James Clark, formerly of Northumberland County, Penn., and who came to this county in 1800, locating six miles south of Meadville, and about 1804 removed to Woodcock Township and here died. He was a wheel-wright by trade and followed that occupation nearly all his life. His wife was a daughter of William Hammond, of Milton, Penn., who settled in this township about 1796, serving as Justice of the Peace for many years by appointment from the Governor. Mr. and Mrs. Nathaniel Clark were parents of eleven children: James; Margaret, wife of Cyrus Burchard; Jane; William (deceased); Isabel, wife of C. T. Cummings; John;

Thomas; Robert; Amy C. (deceased); Samuel and Ransom W. (deceased). Our subject was twice married, on first occasion, November 5, 1829, to Adeline F., daughter of James and Lucy (Gillett) Birchard, formerly of Massachusetts and who settled in what is now Cambridge Township, this county, in 1813. By this union were three children: Lucy A., wife of George Hoffman; Francis N., and Ophelia (deceased). Mr. Clark was subsequently married, February 9, 1841, to his present wife, Elizabeth, daughter of Matthew and Mary (Bloom) Caldwell. Our subject has always resided in this township, living on his present farm since 1837. He has held nearly every office in the gift of his township; in politics is a Republican. He has been a member of the Presbyterian Church since 1835, and a Ruling Elder since 1837; sang in the choir sixty-two years and for sixty-one years has regularly attended the Sabbath-school, acting as Superintendent for thirty-seven years.

JOHN CLARK, farmer, P. O. Woodcock, was born in this township, March 1, 1814; son of Nathaniel and Grizzella (Hammond) Clark. Our subject has always resided here and followed farming and carpentering. He was married, in 1850, to Sally, daughter of John and Sally (Clark) Wykoff, who were among the early settlers of Woodcock Township, this county. To this union has been born one child—Sarah G. Mr. and Mrs. Clark and their daughter Sarah G., are members of the Gravel Run Presbyterian Church, with which he has been connected upward of fifty years. In politics he is independent.

THOMAS COUP, farmer, P. O. Woodcock, was born in Northumberland County, Penn., April 27, 1835; son of George and Catherine (Artman) Coup, who settled in Woodcock Township, this county, in 1836. He purchased a tract of 160 acres of land, most of which was in what is now Woodcock Borough, and a good share of which he cleared and improved. They were parents of five children: Solomon, Susannah (deceased), Anna (wife of Peter Ford), Thomas, and Daniel (deceased). The subject of this sketch has always resided in this township, following the occupations of carpenter and farmer. He was united in marriage, November 10, 1859, with Mary E., daughter of Daniel and Sarah (Wykoff) Shaffer, who were among the early settlers here. To this union were born five children, three now living: Helena G., wife of V. A. Thomas, Clarence A. and J. Harris. Mr. and Mrs. Coup are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church; Mr. Coup has served as School Director of his township; is a member of the A. O. U. W. and K. of H.; in politics is a Democrat.

SILAS J. CULP, of the firm of Culp & Yost, Saegertown, was born in Hayfield Township, this county, April 23, 1852, and is a son of Benjamin and Eva (Zimmerman) Culp, natives of Northumberland County, Penn., and who settled in Saegertown about 1840. Benjamin Culp was twice married, having by his first wife, Eva Zimmerman, eight children: Henry, Isaac, Lizzie (deceased), Israel, Silas J., Sarah (wife of John Williams), Mary (wife of Joseph Brink) and Franklin. His second marriage was with Mary Flaugh, who bore him one child—Charles. He is now a resident of Hayfield Township, this county. Our subject was educated in the common and high schools of this county and attended the Normal School of Edinboro, Erie County, two terms. He afterward taught in the common schools of Crawford County for five years. At the age of twenty he began a course at the Normal Musical Department of Dr. G. F. Foot, Chicago, Ill., attending three years. He then, for five years, taught in musical conventions and institutes. Mr. Culp was married, September 10, 1876, to Flora Bell, daughter of Christian and Phebe (Shellhammer) Yost, of Saegertown, where he had located in 1874, and has since resided. Our subject and his wife are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, he since he was thirteen years of age. He is choir leader in the First Methodist

Episcopal Church of Meadville. Is a member of the K. of H. In politics is a Republican.

HIRAM DAVIS, County Commissioner, P. O. Saegerstown, was born in Cussewago Township, this county, August 24, 1842, and is a son of James and Elizabeth (Irwin) Davis. The former, also a native of Cussewago Township, was a son of Isaac Davis, formerly of New Jersey, and one of the first settlers of Cussewago Township. The latter was a daughter of Robert Irwin, of Irish descent, formerly of Maryland, and also one of the first settlers of same township. Mr. and Mrs. James Davis were the parents of nine children: Irwin, Hiram, Julia A. (wife of Charles Stevens), Kiz, Elizabeth, Zachariah, Fred, Rose (wife of William Clark) and Jesse. Our subject was married, February 27, 1866, to Rhoda, daughter of Daniel and Lydia (Curtis) Stebbins, early settlers of Cussewago Township, this county. To this union were born four children: Blanche, Georgie, Pitt and Fannie. Mr. Davis served in the war of the Rebellion, first going out for three months with Capt. Dunn's company of the old Erie Regiment; served his time and re-enlisted in 1862 in Company B, One Hundred and Thirty-seventh Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, became Captain of the company and was honorably discharged after nine months' service. He was elected County Commissioner in November, 1881, and May 20, 1884, was nominated on the first ballot by his party for a second term, and defeated at the November election. In politics he is a stanch Democrat.

JAMES H. DAVISON (deceased) was born in New Jersey, September 7, 1822, and is a son of William and Susan (Dillentosh) Davison, who settled in Woodcock Township, this county, in 1825, locating on the farm now owned by John George, Jr., which they cleared and improved. James H., our subject, was a shoe-maker by trade, but generally followed agricultural pursuits. He was united in marriage, January 22, 1855, with Mary M., daughter of David and Catherine (Carr) Hunter, who were among the early settlers of this township. To this union were born five children: William H., Catherine (deceased), Robert G., Dora D. (deceased) and Eliza J. (deceased). Mr. Davison, during the war of the Rebellion, enlisted in 1862 in the Ninth Pennsylvania Reserves, and died in the hospital of typhoid pneumonia, November 11, 1862, after two months' service. For many years he had been a member of the Presbyterian Church at Woodcock. In politics he was a Republican.

ABRAHAM DEICHMAN, JR., retired physician, Saegertown, was born in Northampton County, Penn., January 19, 1813, a son of Abraham and Sarah (Deshler) Deichman, who settled in Woodcock Township, this county, in 1837, taking up 250 acres of land, a part of which is now owned by our subject. Abraham Deichman, Sr., a coverlet weaver and dyer by trade, was a native of Easton, Penn., and a son of John Deichman, a native of Prussia, who immigrated to America during the French and Indian war, and served through the Revolutionary war. Abraham Deichman, Sr., was the parent of eight children: John (deceased), Catherine (deceased), Susan (wife of David Johnson), Abraham, Jr., Edward, Peter, Sally (wife of John Brown) and Mary A. (wife of John Strauss). He served in the war of 1812 at Marcus Hook, below Philadelphia. In 1837 our subject settled in Saegertown and engaged in the practice of medicine, and for several years had to make his professional visits on horseback, owing to the bad roads. After thirty-seven years of active practice he retired in 1874. The Doctor was married, August 17, 1848, to Abigail, daughter of Abraham and Elizabeth (Hottenstein) Mosier, of Saegertown, formerly among the first settlers of Cussewago Township, this county. By this union were six children, four now living: William W., a merchant of

this place, married to Mary Dixon; Louisa; Sarah and Charles. Mr. Deichman and family are members of the Reformed Church. In politics he is a Republican.

JOHN DICKSON (deceased) was born in Woodcock Township, this county, November 15, 1798, son of James and Rebecca (Hayfield) Dickson, who settled in this township in 1796, locating on Woodcock Creek, where the former built the first grist-mill in Crawford County, now owned by C. A. Carringer. Our subject engaged in milling for many years, and was also interested in a carding-mill in company with David Dewey. In 1826 he settled on the farm now owned by his widow, all of which he cleared and improved. He was married October 11, 1827, to Mary, daughter of Simeon and Phebe (Williams) Brown, early settlers of Woodcock Township, this county. By this union were twelve children: James; Delia, wife of H. Thurston; Simeon, married to John Willson's daughter Emily; Zachariah; Sarah E.; Asena, wife of B. Rogers; Hattie, deceased; Olive, wife of C. Hillyer; Mary A., wife of Walter Lindsay; Fayette, deceased; Dwight, deceased, and Alonzo. Mr. Dickson died April 16, 1882, in his eighty-fourth year. For many years he had been a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church. In politics he was a Republican.

JAMES H. DICKSON, farmer, and proprietor of saw-mill, P. O. Blooming Valley, was born in Woodcock Township, this county, August 20, 1830, son of William and Isabella (Hunter) Dickson, and grandson of James Dickson, a native of Ireland, who came here with two brothers: George, who located in Vernon Township, this county, afterward settling at Dicksonburg and giving it his name, and Joseph, who located in Fairfield Township, this county. James Dickson came to Woodcock Township and built the first grist-mill in Crawford County, which is still in operation and is owned by C. A. Carringer. He was parent of nine children, viz.: John; George, a soldier in the war of 1812; William, father of our subject; Sally, wife of James Hammond; Rebecca, wife of David Dewey; Keziah, wife of Adam Bradford; James; Leah, and Perry. William Dickson was twice married. By his first wife, Isabella, daughter of James Hunter, one of the first settlers of Mead Township, this county, he had eight children: Alexander (deceased), James H., Sarah (deceased), William, George, Mary (wife of George McCullough), Oliver H. P., and Isabella. By his second wife, Mrs. Isabella Weed (*nee* Hunter), he had one child—Carrie. He died in 1871, aged sixty-six. The subject of this sketch was married July 2, 1869, to Jane, daughter of William R. and Jane (Stewart) Brawley, who were early settlers of Randolph Township, this county. By this union there is one child—Eva B. Mr. Dickson resides on the old homestead where he was born and reared. He is a member of the State Police, chartered in Erie and Crawford Counties, Penn. He has held the office of School Director in his township. In politics he is a Democrat.

JOHN DIEHL, farmer, P. O. Meadville, was born in Northumberland County, Penn., April 23, 1824, son of Henry and Polly (Mosier) Diehl, the former a son of Abraham Diehl. Our subject settled in this county in 1844, locating in Saegertown and engaging in farming, working land on shares until 1861, when he purchased the farm on which he now resides. The land was cleared when he bought it and he subsequently erected the buildings. He was married March 15, 1852, to Rosanna, daughter of Henry and Elizabeth Moyer, early settlers of Woodcock Township, this county. To this union were born seven children, viz.: Mary E., deceased; Delila; Lucinda, wife of Thomas Flaugh; Minerva, wife of George Flick; Emma, wife of Jacob Lefer-

man; Abby, wife of Fremont Carman, and Henry. Mrs. Diehl and children are members of the German Reformed Church. In politics Mr. Diehl is a Republican.

SAMUEL FLAUGH, farmer, P. O. Saegerstown, was born in Woodcock Township, this county, December 15, 1814, son of George and Catherine (Graff) Flaugh, and grandson of Matthias Flaugh, a native of Germany and one of the first settlers of this township, and who located on the farm now owned by George McIntosh. His mother was a daughter of Samuel Graff, who came from the eastern part of Pennsylvania and was an early settler of Sadsbury Township, this county. Mr. and Mrs. George Flaugh had seven children: Samuel, Matthias, Susan (deceased), Abraham, Benjamin, Hiram and George. Our subject has always resided in this township. He was married September 30, 1838, to Sarah, daughter of Conrad and Mary Bachman, early settlers here. By this union there are eight children, viz.: Lavina, wife of Levi Bunting; James; Amanda; Thomas; Abbie, wife of John D. Johnson; Sarah, wife of Jesse Trace; Albert, married to Ella Faust, and Mary J. Mr. Flaugh has lived on his present farm since 1841. He has held various township offices; is a Democrat in politics. With his family he is a member of the German Reformed Church.

SAMSON FLAUGH, farmer, P. O. Woodcock, was born in this township, January 12, 1821; son of John and Polly (Hickernell) Flaugh. His paternal grandfather, Matthias Flaugh, was one of the first settlers of Woodcock Township, this county; and his maternal grandfather, Frederick Hickernell, was an early settler of Hayfield Township, this county. Our subject has always followed farming as an occupation. He was united in marriage, February 9, 1854, with Sarah A., daughter of Samuel and Sarah (Flaugh) Bossard, of Woodcock Township, this county. By this union were born five children, viz.: Alice; wife of Fred Lord; Von G.; Otto A.; William, and Reu. Mr. Flaugh has been residing on his present farm since 1852. He and his wife are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church. In politics he is a Democrat.

NICHOLAS FLAUGH, farmer, P. O. Saegerstown, was born in Woodcock Township, this county, September 2, 1827; son of John and Polly (Hickernell) Flaugh, the former of whom was a son of Matthias Flaugh, a native of Germany, and among the first settlers of this township; the latter, a daughter of Frederick Hickernell, an early settler of Hayfield Township, this county; Mr. and Mrs. John Flaugh had ten children, viz.: Frederick (deceased); Sampson; Margaret, wife of Benjamin Culp; Isaac; Nicholas; Grizzelle, wife of Warren Stewart; Fanny, wife of George Bowers; Julia (deceased), wife of George Flaugh; John Jr., and Eli (deceased). Our subject was united in marriage, September 10, 1857, with Susanna, daughter of George and Barbara A. Hower, of Woodcock, Crawford Co., Penn. By this union were born three children: Don A., Willie I. and Emmagene. Mr. Flaugh has resided in this township all his life. He is a Republican in politics. His wife is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

SAMUEL P. GILMORE, farmer, P. O. Blooming Valley, was born in Woodcock Township, this county, March 15, 1840; son of John Y. and Jane (Burnside) Gilmore, the former a native of Susquehanna, Penn., a soldier of the war of 1812, and a son of Thomas Gilmore, a native of Ireland, who settled in this township in 1801 and was father of six children: John Y., Nancy, William, Margaret, Polly, and Samuel, all deceased but Nancy. Mrs. John Y. Gilmore was a daughter of William and Anna (Graham) Burnside, natives of Ireland and early settlers of Linesville, Penn. Our subject's parents had eleven children: Thomas; William; Melissa, wife of James Scott; Ann E., wife

of T. J. Odell; Caroline E., deceased wife of William Darrow; James B.; George L.; John Y.; Samuel P.; Charles M. and an infant son (deceased). The father died in 1854 aged sixty; his widow lives with her son Samuel P. Our subject was married, October 6, 1866, to Sarah E., daughter of Christian and Sarah (Bossard) Barr, of Blooming Valley, this county. By this union there are five children: Lynn, Lyle, Harry, Hugh and Grove. During the late war of the Rebellion, Mr. Gilmore enlisted, August 30, 1862, in Company C, One Hundred and Fiftieth Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, participated in the battle of Gettysburg; received a shot through the jaw at the battle of the Wilderness, and was honorably discharged July 18, 1865. He is a member of the A. O. U. W. and the G. A. R.; in politics is a Republican.

JAMES M. HENRY, manufacturer, Saegertown, was born in Woodcock, this county, July 16, 1849; son of George and Sally M. (Remington) Henry. His father, a native of Armstrong County, Penn., born in October, 1803, was left an orphan in his infancy, and at the age of five years accompanied his grandmother and George Henry, an uncle, to Dutch Hill, this county, remaining with them until able to earn his own livelihood. When a young man he worked on a farm for Solomon Peiffer for a number of years. At eighteen years of age, while wrestling for amusement, as was common with young men in his day, he injured his arm in a fall, rendering amputation necessary. After this, being unable to do much work, he obtained a good education, principally in the schools of Meadville, Penn., and engaged in teaching in the common schools of the county. He afterward engaged as a clerk in the store and hotel of John McFadden, at Cambridge, Penn., and in 1832 succeeded his employer in the hotel business. In 1834 he removed to Woodcock, this county, and engaged in the same business. In 1837 he was commissioned by the Governor of Pennsylvania to the office of Sheriff of Crawford County and filled the office with credit to himself and satisfaction of the people. In 1840 he returned to Woodcock, and for a number of years his time was divided between teaching school and farming. In July, 1852, he was appointed Postmaster of Woodcock, which position he occupied until January 1, 1873. In 1872 he was afflicted with a stroke of paralysis, and from then until his death, which occurred April 21, 1877, he was unable to do business. He was a man of sterling qualities, loved and honored by all who knew him. His widow, the mother of our subject, was born in Basin's Harbor, Vt., April 17, 1809, and died June 24, 1877. She was a woman who, in the pioneer days of the county, became known for her strength and ambition, and was always useful in assisting in the general farm work, and in her father's saw-mill, where strength and untiring energy were required. She was a daughter of Joseph and Sally M. (Fuller) Remington, natives of New Lebanon, N. H. She was the mother of the following children: Elizabeth (Mrs. John Renner, died March 17, 1872, aged thirty-two years), Abigail and James M. The subject of this sketch, when eight years of age, left his home and engaged as a hired hand on the farm of his brother-in-law, John Renner, with whom he remained seven years. During this time he acquired by his own exertions, studying nights with an occasional day in the country school, a fair education, which enabled him to accept a clerkship in the store of Samuel J. Johnson, of Woodcock, this county, and afterward with Perkins & Humes. In the spring of 1868 he entered the employ of R. C. Coulter, at Petroleum Centre, Venango Co., Penn., and the following year secured an interest in the business under the firm name of J. M. Henry & Co. In 1874 he sold his interest in this business and engaged in a more extensive mercantile industry, having three separate store rooms, divided into dry goods, clothing and drugs departments. The same year he

was appointed Postmaster, which position he filled for three years. In 1877 he sold his goods and soon after removed to Bradford, where, in connection with a real estate business, he embarked extensively in oil operations. On the 1st of January, 1878, he returned to his native county and located at Saegertown, and the same year became interested in the "Pioneer Flouring Mills" of that place, in which he is still engaged, in partnership with Josiah Kern. In 1881 he erected a mill on French Creek, where, in connection with a general sawing business, he manufactures broom handles, shingles, lath, etc. Mr. Henry is now one of the leading and substantial business men of the county, and his standing, both socially and financially, is due to his own efforts, industry and perseverance. On the 14th of September, 1872, he married Miss Julia M. Mead, who died in 1874 at the age of twenty-five years, leaving one child —Julius M.—born April 30, 1874. His present wife is Sarah A., daughter of Luke and Sarah (Snyder) Strauss, early settlers of Woodcock Township, this county, to whom he was married February 16, 1875. In politics Mr. Henry is a stanch Democrat. Is an active member of the A. O. U. W.

HENRY HORNSTEIN (deceased) was born in Germany, December 23, 1808. When about eighteen years old he emigrated to America, landing at New York City, where he lived for several years. About 1835 he came to this county, locating at Crossingville, and engaged in distilling until 1838, when he was burnt out and lost everything excepting the suit of clothes he had on. Then he moved to Saegertown and worked in a distillery for Daniel Saeger. He shortly afterward engaged in the same business for himself, which he carried on in connection with a farm he had purchased, until 1871. His farm was but partly cleared when he took it and made all the improvements himself. He was married March 14, 1837, to Hannah, daughter of George and Susan (Kressler) Best, early settlers of Cussewago Township, this county, and formerly of Northampton County, Penn. By this union there were ten children: George H., Susan (wife of John Dooley), Julius A., Alaminnie M.(wife of A. Carpenter), Lucinda (deceased), Charles A. (deceased), Frederick A., Anna J., T. Oliver, and Edmund F. Mr. Hornstein died May 26, 1872, in his sixty-fourth year. He was a member of the Lutheran Church. His widow is a member of the German Reformed Church.

DAVID W. HUME, farmer, P. O. Woodcock, was born in what is now Cambridge Township, this county, June 11, 1819, son of Robert and Jane (Hume) Hume. The former was a native of Scotland, a son of John Hume, and settled in Cambridge Township, this county, in 1797, locating on the farm which he cleared and improved, now owned by our subject and managed by his son Gaylord; the latter was a daughter of John Hume, a native of Ireland, a soldier in the Revolutionary war and an early settler of Westmoreland County, Penn. Our subject has been twice married; by his first wife, Mary A., daughter of Joseph and Ann Liddle, of Trumbull County, Ohio, were ten children: James, a clergyman of the Methodist Episcopal Church; Maria, wife of W. L. Perry; Sophia J., wife of T. Baugher; Calvin K., deceased; D. Wilber; Gaylord R.; Sabra, deceased; Mertie A., wife of Frank Humes, and two infants, deceased. Mr. Hume's second marriage was with Lucinda, widow of Thomas Johnson, and daughter of Heman and Mary A. Hayes, early settlers of Cussewago Township, this county. Mr. Hume resided in Cambridge Township till 1883, when he moved to Woodcock. He is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and his wife of the Baptist Church. In politics he is a Republican.

LEVI HUMEL, farmer, P. O. Saegerstown, was born in Clarion County, Penn., February 22, 1825, son of Samuel and Elizabeth (Henry) Humel.

Samuel was a son of Christopher Humel, a native of Germany, who first settled in what is now Lehigh County, and afterward moved to Westmoreland County, then in 1806 settled in what is now Clarion County, Penn., where he lived and died. Christopher was a soldier in the Revolutionary war, entering the service when but eighteen years of age and serving under Washington. One of his sons, Henry, was in the war of 1812, and was with Commodore Perry at the time of his victory on Lake Erie. Elizabeth, the wife of Samuel, was a daughter of Frederick Henry, a native of Lehigh County, Penn., and of German descent. Our subject was reared on a farm and has always followed agricultural pursuits. He spent most of his life in his native county. In 1854 he went to Wisconsin, returning in 1855, and in 1874 came to this county, where he purchased the Bullard farm in Woodcock Township, and has since resided here. He was married January 19, 1854, to Eva, daughter of Eli and Eva (Kale) Sheets, early settlers of Clarion County, Penn. By this union were ten children, seven now living, viz.: Samuel; Mary, wife of Franklin Briggs; Jacob; Esther; Maria; Kate, wife of Edward Herman, and John. In politics Mr. Humel is a Democrat. Our subject, wife and children are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church. Mr. Humel's grandfather's first family was attacked by the Indians and his wife and four children murdered, in Westmoreland County, Penn. One son and one daughter were taken as prisoners to Brady's Bend, Allegheny River, and finally rescued by Capt. Brady and his company.

JOHN M. HUMES, deceased, was born in Lycoming County, Penn., April 13, 1790, and was a son of Archibald and Mary Humes, who settled in what is now Woodcock Township, this county, about 1796. Archibald built a log-house about half a mile west of Woodcock Borough, where he lived for several years and erected the first saw-mill in the northern part of the county, on Gravel Run, shortly after adding a grist-mill, which is still in existence. He operated the mill until his death, when it came into the hands of our subject, who conducted it for many years, and it is now owned and run by William S. McGranahan & Son. About 1800 Archibald Humes located on the farm now occupied by the sons of our subject. He had seven children: Betsy (Mrs. Leonard Doctor), Mary (Mrs. Bailey Fullerton), Jane (Mrs. Samuel Phillips), Thomas, James, John M. and Archibald, Jr. The subject of this sketch was twice married. His first wife was Mary R. Hicks, by whom he had eight children: Mary, deceased; William H., deceased; Elizabeth (Mrs. David Torry); Margaret, deceased; John E., deceased; Sophia (first), deceased; Sophia (second), deceased, and Phianah (Mrs. Cyrus Colter). His second wife was Elizabeth, daughter of John Greenlee, who settled in Woodcock Township, this county, in 1808. By this union there were five children, of whom but two are now living: J. N. Brady and Porter C. Mr. Humes carried on his farm in connection with his mill, and in an early day built fifty boats for shipping produce and lumber down French Creek to Pittsburgh, Penn., receiving pay in money and goods. During his trips to Pittsburgh and return he was often attacked by highwaymen, but was always successful in holding his own. He was an ambitious man and an enterprising, public-spirited citizen. When the Atlantic & Great Western Railroad was built, he gave the right of way through his farm. He was a member of the Presbyterian Church for many years, and Elder upward of fifteen years, and a leader of the choir in the Gravel Run congregation for many years. He held various offices in the gift of his township; in politics was always a stanch Democrat. He died December 2, 1870, in his eighty-first year. His portrait will be found elsewhere in this volume. His sons, J. N. Brady and Porter C., who reside on

the old homestead, are wide-awake, enterprising farmers, the latter of whom has been Supervisor and Assessor of the township, a Director of the Gravel Run Cemetery Association since its organization, and was also its Secretary for several years; was elected its President in 1882, and re-elected in 1884, and is now holding the office. The young men are interested in everything that tends toward improvement, and are keeping up with the times. They are dealers in phosphates and all kinds of agricultural implements. In politics, like their father, they are stanch Democrats.

JAMES G. HUMES, farmer and cheese manufacturer, P. O. Woodcock, was born in what is now Cambridge Township, this county, June 16, 1812, son of Robert and Jane (Humes) Humes, the former of whom, a native of Ireland and son of John Humes, settled in Cambridge Township in 1796 on the farm which he cleared and improved, now owned by David Humes. They were parents of nine children: John C., deceased; Thomas, deceased; Robert; Archibald, deceased; James G.; Jane, deceased; Mary, wife of William Humes; David M., and Margaret A. Our subject married, February 6, 1833, Cythera, daughter of Lyman and Lydia (Holmes) Bishop, of Genesee County, N. Y. Mr. Humes was reared on a farm, and has chiefly followed agricultural pursuits and dairying. For seven years he kept a general store at Woodcock; for four years operated a grist-mill in Union City, Erie Co., and was also engaged in banking business there. He is now conducting a large farm, and is proprietor of an extensive cheese factory. Mr. Humes served as Justice of the Peace for fifteen years, and in minor township offices; in politics is a Democrat. He and his wife have been members of the Methodist Episcopal Church for many years. He has always been a liberal, enterprising citizen, giving freely of his means to the cause of Christianity.

JOHN JOHNSON, farmer, P. O. Long's Stand, was born in Mead Township, this county, October 13, 1822, son of Alexander and Elizabeth (Slawson) Johnson, and grandson of Andrew Johnson, a native of Ireland, who was among the early settlers of Mead Township, this county. His maternal grandfather, Joseph Slawson, was a native of Vermont and an early settler of Fairfield Township, this county. Alexander Johnson had nine children, viz.: Joseph S., John, James, Phebe (wife of James J. Preston), Carlton, Charlotte (wife of J. A. Curtis), Mead, Henry, Mary (wife of Martin Boyd), all residents of this county. Our subject was married, July 23, 1846, to Johanna, daughter of William and Johanna (Thurston) Ewing, of Mead Township, this county. By this union there were born seven children: Harriet (deceased), Phebe, Emma (deceased), Arthur, George, John C. and Clinton. Mr. Johnson was reared in his native township; was a resident of Fairfield Township, this county, for twelve years, and in 1865 located in Woodcock Township, purchasing the farm on which he now resides. In politics he is a Republican.

JOHN D. JOHNSON, farmer, P. O. Saegerstown, was born in Northampton County, Penn., January 13, 1840, son of David and Susan (Deichman) Johnson, who settled in this township in 1852, and were parents of three children, viz.: Catherine (wife of Seth Smith), John D. and David J. H. Our subject was united in marriage, October 26, 1864, with Abby E., daughter of Samuel and Sarah (Bachman) Flaugh, early settlers of Woodcock Township, this county. To this union were born four children: William H., Laura J., Samuel A. and Edna M. Mr. Johnson has lived on his present farm since 1875, though he has owned it much longer. In politics he is a Democrat. He and his wife are members of the German Reformed Church.

JOSIAH KERN, manufacturer, P. O. Saegertown, was born in Lehigh County, Penn., January 15, 1831, and is a son of Daniel and Lydia (App)

Kern, who settled in Saegertown in 1852, establishing the Saegertown Hotel, which has been kept by some member of the Kern family ever since. They had six children, four now living: Josiah, Robert T., Edward A. and Hattie. Our subject assisted his parents in the hotel until twenty-seven years of age. He was married, February 15, 1858, to Julia A., daughter of Jacob and Susan (Harmon) Snyder, of this township, by whom he has two children: Susie and Anna. After his marriage he engaged in the hotel business for himself at his father's old stand, where he continued for fourteen years. He then built several houses for renting and also embarked in the planing-mill business, in which he is still interested. In 1879 Mr. Kern, in company with J. M. Henry, purchased the Saegertown grist-mill, one of the oldest in the county, which is doing a profitable business. He is also interested with Mr. Henry in a saw-mill and handle factory, in which he has been engaged since 1881. He also manufactures the Vibrator Harrow (being owner of the patent), formerly made at Kalamazoo, Mich. The manufacturing of this implement was commenced in Saegertown in the spring of 1884, under the name of the "Vibrator Harrow Co." Mr. Kern is a representative business man of Saegertown. He has been Burgess one term, besides holding several of the minor offices of the borough. In politics he is a Democrat. He is a member of the K. of H., and both he and his wife are adherents of the Reformed Church.

DAVID A. KETNER, farmer, P. O. Saegerstown, was born in Centre County, Penn., December 26, 1828, and is a son of William and Elizabeth (Derr) Ketner, both of German descent and natives of Union County, Penn. Mr. Ketner was at one time a resident of Centre County, Penn., and in 1837 removed to Venango County, Penn., where he passed the remainder of his days. Our subject was nine years old when his parents settled in Venango County, and resided there until his coming to this county. He was reared on the farm his father had purchased, and which he assisted him to clear and improve, and attended the common schools of the county. He was married, June 26, 1852, to Harriet, daughter of Daniel and Sarah (Mallory) Cauvel, of Venango County, Penn., the former a native of that state, the latter of Vermont. To this union were born ten children: Augustus M. (deceased), Rella Z. (wife of F. H. Meal, has one child—Frank. They reside on the homestead in Venango County, Penn.), Helen E. (wife of E. H. Allison, have one child—Earl; they reside in Iowa), Harry W. (resides on the Venango homestead), John S. (in Iowa), Frank W., Abbie A., Bertha D., Urban G. and Herbert O. Mr. Ketner located in Woodcock Township in 1880, on the McGill farm, one of the oldest settled in this township. Besides this farm he still owns the old homestead in Venango County and two fine farms in Iowa. In politics he is a Republican.

C. W. KNERR, tanner and Justice of the Peace, Woodcock, was born in Woodcock Township, this county, October 19, 1830, and is a son of Eli and Elizabeth (Minium) Knerr. Eli, a native of Lehigh County Penn., and a son of Andrew Knerr, who was a native of Germany and a soldier in the Revolution, was a carpenter by trade and worked at that business all his life; he settled in Woodcock in 1828; in 1837 he returned to his native county, and lived there until 1849, when he came back to Woodcock, where he resided until his death. He died June 9, 1858, at the age of fifty-two. The subject of this sketch learned the trade of a tanner while in Lehigh County, Penn., and after his return to this county worked at his trade, in different places, until 1854, when he purchased the tannery in Woodcock, which he still owns,

and in which he has done a profitable business up to the present time. It is one of the oldest tanneries in Crawford County, being the second one built, and the oldest now in existence in the county. Mr. Knerr was married, January 12, 1854, to Hannah, daughter of Joseph Wotring, of Woodcock Township, this county, by whom he has one child—Alice (now Mrs. Frank Cummings). Mr. and Mrs. Knerr are members of the Presbyterian Church. He has held all the public offices in Woodcock Borough, with the exception of School Director, and is now serving his second term as Justice of the Peace. In politics he is a Republican.

J. WESLEY LANG, farmer, P. O. Woodcock, was born in this township February 8, 1820, son of John and Elizabeth (Shearer) Lang. His paternal grandfather, John Lang, a native of Ireland, settled in Woodcock Township, this county, in 1810. His father, John Lang, a native of Ireland, settled in Woodcock Township, this county, in 1815, locating on the farm, which he cleared and improved, now owned by Alex. Lang's heirs, and in 1831 settled on the farm on which our subject is residing, and which he also improved. His maternal grandfather, John Shearer, settled in Cambridge Township, this county, in 1797. Mr. and Mrs. John Lang had eleven children, viz.: Alexander (deceased), William, J. Wesley, Sarah A. (deceased), Robert (deceased), Mary (deceased), Jane (wife of A. F. Turner), Susan, James, Elizabeth, and Thomas (deceased). Our subject's father died in 1864, in his sixty-ninth year; his mother in 1870, in her seventy-fourth year. J. Wesley Lang, our subject, was married April 17, 1860, to Flora E., daughter of Elder and Harriet (Allen) Hutchison, early settlers of Richmond Township, this county. By this union were two children: Robert and William, latter deceased. Mr. Lang has always been a resident here. He has held all the township offices, excepting Justice of the Peace, and served one term as Register and Recorder of Crawford County. In politics he is a Democrat. He is a member of the Episcopal Church.

J. WOODS LANG, farmer, P. O. Woodcock, was born in Woodcock Township, this county, May 15, 1824, son of William and Mary (Dowler) Lang, and grandson of Robert Lang, who settled in this township in 1810. William Lang was a soldier in the war of 1812 and settled in this county, on the Gravel Run road, on the farm now owned by Jefferson Swift. Shortly after he started a store, said to be the first in Woodcock Borough. He also built and operated the first still in this section. His wife, Mary, was a daughter of Francis H. and Mary Dowler, who settled in Woodcock Township, this county, in 1812. Mr. and Mrs. William Lang were parents of nine children, viz.: J. Woods, Mary A. (wife of J. C. McWilliams), William, Margaret (deceased), Susan (wife of George Humes), James W., Henry R., Alexander and Thomas. Our subject resides on a part of the old homestead. In politics he is independent.

NATHAN LEIBERSPERGER, farmer, P. O. Saegerstown, was born in Northampton County, Penn., February 13, 1823, son of Jacob and Susan (Naugle) Leibersperger, who came from Berks County, Penn., to Meadville, this county, in 1829, and in 1830 to this township, settling on the farm now owned by our subject, where they passed the remainder of their days. They were parents of six children: Reuben (deceased), Nathan, Elizabeth (deceased), Judy (wife of James Powell), Lydia (deceased), and Mary (deceased). Our subject, who resides on the old homestead, has never married. He is a practical farmer by occupation. In politics he is a Republican.

ALBERT LOGAN, physician, Woodcock, was born in South Shenango Township, this county, June 4, 1831, son of David J. and Amelia (Barack-

man) Logan. His paternal grandfather, David Logan, Sr., a native of Ireland, came with six brothers to America in 1796, and after a seven weeks' voyage landed at Wilmington, Del. He settled in South Shenango Township, this county, in 1801, taking up 300 acres of land which he cleared and improved, and there died. He was a prominent Knight Templar. His children are all deceased, viz.: Elizabeth, Martha, Mary, Esther, David, Jr., Charles and Robert. Our subject's maternal grandfather, Samuel Barackman, was a native of Dauphin County, Penn., and among the first settlers of North Shenango Township, this county. Mr. and Mrs. David Logan, Jr., were parents of five children: Henrietta, wife of Robert W. Clark; Albert; Sarah, wife of Scott A. Marshall; David and Samuel J. Our subject was reared on a farm, educated in the common and high schools of Hartstown, Penn., and for a number of years was a teacher. In 1851 he began the study of medicine with Dr. Gamble, of Mosiertown, Penn. He graduated from the Eclectic College of Medicine, Cincinnati, Ohio, with class of 1854. In 1852 he commenced to practice his profession at Mosiertown, where he remained for six years, and in 1868 settled in Woodcock, where he has since been actively engaged, being widely and favorably known in this and adjoining counties. He was married December 25, 1864, to Mary A., daughter of William and Margaret (Townley) Greenlee, who were among the early settlers of this township. By this union there are two children: James A. and Mary A. Dr. Logan is a K. T., a member of the I. O. O. F., K. of H., and K. of P. He has held nearly every office in the gift of Woodcock Borough, has served as Burgess two terms and School Director twenty-one years. In politics he is a Democrat.

SAMUEL B. LONG, farmer, P. O. Long's Stand, was born in Woodcock Township, this county, November 3, 1806, son of George and Margaret (Blair) Long, the former of whom was a son of James Long, a soldier of the Revolution, who was a native of Carlisle, Penn., of Irish descent, and who settled in what is now Woodcock Township, this county, in 1794, and died aged ninety-three. Margaret, his wife, was a daughter of Samuel Blair, a native of Ireland, who also settled in this township in 1794. He was a rebel, belonging to an organization called "Hearts of Steel," and had to leave his native land to save his life. He died August 7, 1820, aged eighty-two. George Long had nine children, eight living to maturity: Eliza, wife of John Gelvin (deceased); Samuel B., James (deceased); Sally A., wife of James McCullough; Mary, wife of Christian Blystone; Nancy, wife of F. F. A. Wilson (deceased); John J. and William M. George Long for over forty years was Justice of the Peace of Woodcock Township, this county. He died in 1848, his widow in 1862; both aged eighty-four. Our subject was married, December 6, 1844, to Mary, daughter of John E. and Sarah (Henry) Smith, of Meadville, Penn. By this union were three children: Helen A. (wife of O. H. P. Dickson; have three children: Maggie, Samuel and Marion); Margaret (deceased) and Sarah E., wife of M. B. Tarr. Mr. Long has always resided in this township, excepting ten years, when he lived in Meadville, Penn. In 1845 he was elected Sheriff of this county, and served one term. He has held various township offices. In politics he is a Democrat. Mrs. Long is a member of the Presbyterian Church.

WILLIAM S. McGRANAHAN, miller, P. O. Woodcock, was born in what is now East Fallowfield Township, this county, November 17, 1832; son of George and Jane (Blair) McGranahan; the former, a native of Westmoreland County, Penn., was a son of John McGranahan, a native of Ireland, who settled near Hartstown, this county, in 1801; the latter was a daughter of

Henry Blair, also a native of Ireland, who settled in Shenango, Crawford Co., Penn., about 1804. Mr. and Mrs. McGranahan had twelve children: Joseph; Henry H.; John; Elizabeth, wife of Henry Myers; William S.; Amanda (deceased); Jane, wife of Fred Wilcox; Caroline, wife of Andrew Henry; James; Anderson (deceased); Margaret A. (deceased), and Benoni. Our subject was raised on a farm. He married, October 24, 1860, Margaret, daughter of William and Maria (Martzall) Henry, of Hartstown, Penn., by whom he has two children: Charles A. and May. Mr. McGranahan engaged in farming till 1876, when he embarked in milling business at Wayne, Ohio. In 1883 he purchased the milling property in Woodcock Township, this county, and is doing business under the firm name of W. S. McGranahan & Son. This mill was commenced by Archibald Humes and is the second grist-mill built in the county. Our subject has lived in Crawford County all his life, with the exception of eighteen years spent in Ohio. He and his wife are members of the United Presbyterian Church. In politics he is a Democrat.

GEORGE McINTOSH, farmer, P. O. Saegerstown, was born in Hayfield Township, this county, June 4, 1848, son of James and Agnes (Gibson) McIntosh, natives of Scotland, who came to this county in 1842, and after living two years in Vernon Township, purchased a farm of 125 acres in Hayfield Township, which they cleared and improved and on which they now reside. Their five children are Alexander, John, William, Elizabeth (wife of William Close) and George. Our subject was married, April 27, 1875, to Elizabeth, daughter of William and Elizabeth (Zimmer) Schnauber, of Meadville, Penn., and early settlers of Crawford County. By this union were born four children: Florence A., Ella M. (deceased), James W. and Charles G. Mr. McIntosh was reared on a farm. At the age of twenty years he went to Meadville and worked at harness-making for nearly seven years. In the spring of 1875 he purchased the farm on which he is residing in this township. He is a Republican in politics. Mrs. McIntosh is a member of the Reformed Church.

ANDREW J. McQUISTON, Superintendent Crawford County Infirmary, Saegertown, was born in West Fallowfield Township, this county, May 25, 1839, son of William and Sarah (Long) McQuiston, and grandson of Andrew McQuiston, a native of Scotland, who settled in what is now West Fallowfield Township, this county, about 1797–99. William McQuiston was twice married; on first occasion to Sarah, daughter of Joseph Long, of Mercer County, Penn., who bore him four children: Elizabeth, wife of Zenos McClure, of Youngstown, Ohio; Joseph L. (deceased); Andrew J. and David L., a resident of West Fallowfield, this county. His second wife was Nancy, daughter of John Findley, of Sadsbury Township, this county, by whom he had six children: John F., of West Fallowfield Township, this county; Mary A., wife of James Graham, M. D., of Lindenville, Ohio; Nancy J., wife of Dr. Adams, of Sheakleyville, Penn.; William A.; James E., of West Fallowfield Township, this county, and Robert F., now of Youngstown, Ohio. Mr. McQuiston died in 1879, aged seventy-two. Our subject was reared on a farm, and at the age of twenty-one learned carpentering, which he followed for three years. At the breaking out of the Rebellion he enlisted, May, 1861, in Company I, Tenth Pennsylvania Reserves, and was in the battle of Dranesville, the seven days' fight before Richmond, battles of Fredericksburg, Gettysburg, Spottsylvania Court House and many other engagements. At the battle of Spottsylvania Court House he lost his left arm, May 9, 1864, and was honorably discharged August 28, 1864. He was married, October 31, 1866, to Kate W., daughter of George and Hannah (Lewellyn) Young, of Ashtabula County, Ohio, by whom he has four children: Fred H., Sarah L., Helen F. and Josephine. Mr. McQuiston, in 1865,

was elected Treasurer of this county, and at the expiration of his term was appointed Deputy Clerk of the Criminal Court, filling the position two years. In 1869 he was elected Clerk of the Criminal Court, and re-elected in 1872, both times nominated without opposition. In 1875 he was elected Prothonotary of this county. In 1880 he purchased a farm near Saegertown, and followed farming until January, 1883, when he was appointed to his present position—Superintendent of Crawford County Infirmary. In politics Mr. McQuiston is a stanch Republican. He is a member of the I. O. O. F., Royal Arcanum, and Knights of Honor. Both he and his wife are adherents of the Presbyterian Church of Meadville.

JOHN G. MILLER, deceased, was born in Wurtemberg, Germany, February 7, 1824, son of John and Catherine (Eckstein) Miller. He came to the United States in 1851, locating at Meadville, Penn., and embarked in the brewing business, which he profitably followed there and at Bemistown and in Woodcock Township, this county, till 1871. He was married, September 30, 1855, to Catharine, daughter of Christian and Catharine (Marquardt) Voltz, of Erie, Penn., and natives of Germany. To this union were born eight children, viz.: Mary, Albert J., Ernest, Caroline, Louise, Sophia, Emma and George. Mr. Miller settled in Woodcock Township, this county, in 1856, purchasing in 1863 the farm where his family now reside, and where he lived until his death, which occurred July 21, 1874, in his fifty-first year. He was a member of the Evangelical Lutheran Church, to which all his family belong.

ABSALOM MOOK, Postmaster and harness-maker, Saegertown, was born in Union County, Penn., May 24, 1828; son of David and Margaret (Smith) Mook, who settled in Saegertown in 1829. David Mook was a clergyman of the German Reformed Church, and served several congregations in this vicinity. He was a harness-maker by trade, and followed that occupation for many years. He was parent of eleven children, seven now living: Harriet (wife of Henry Prell), Absalom, Levi, Josiah, Lucinda (wife of Harvey Hatch), Tamzin (wife of Arthur Douglass) and Sarah (wife of William Dean). Our subject was but nine months old when his parents located in Sagertown, and has always lived here with the exception of a year and a half spent in Erie County, Penn. He was educated in the common schools, and during his minority learned harness-making of his father, and has always followed this occupation, embarking in business for himself when twenty-three years of age. He was married, April 10, 1853, to Sarah, daughter of Jacob and Betsy (Straw) Brookhouser, early settlers of Hayfield Township, this county. By this union there are ten children: Martha (wife of W. E. Yost), Allison, Wallace, Hattie (wife of S. S. Collom), Tamzin, Grant, Bertha, Josiah, Fred and Bessie. Mr. Mook was appointed Postmaster at Saegertown in 1851 under Fillmore's administration, filling the office two years. In 1861, under Lincoln, he was again appointed to this office, and still retains this position to the satisfaction of the public generally. He has been Burgess of Saegertown one term; School Director many years, besides holding other minor offices. He was formerly a Whig in politics, but at the organization of the Republican party he joined it, and has since worked for its interests. He and his wife are members of the E. A. U. and of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

FRANCIS A. PRICE, farmer, P. O. Woodcock, was born in Bucks County, Penn., November 15, 1815; son of Nathan and Mary (Wilson) Price, who settled in Woodcock Township, this county, in 1831, locating on the farm now owned by Maj. J. W. Price, which they cleared and improved. Nathan was a son of George Price, a native of New Jersey; his wife was a

daughter of Francis A. Wilson, born in Ireland and late of Bucks County, Penn. They were parents of six children: John W., James, Francis A., Mary (deceased), Ann (wife of Edward Robbins) and Rachel (wife of Alex. Nodyne). Francis A., our subject, was united in marriage, March 10, 1842, with Harriet, daughter of Wynant and Mary A. (Nodyne) Stone, formerly of New York, and who settled, in 1815, on the farm now owned by our subject in this township. By this union were seven children: Rachel A. (wife of M. Rabel), Robert O. (deceased), Margaret (wife of S. L. Rabel), Mary, Alfred, George and James. Mr. Price has resided on his present farm since 1857; has held several of the township offices. In politics he is a Democrat.

SAMUEL T. RICE, farmer, P. O. Woodcock, was born in this township July 2, 1811; son of Thomas and Mary (Hammond) Rice, who settled here in 1810, locating on the farm now occupied by their only child, the subject of this sketch, and which he helped to clear and improve. Thomas Rice, a native of Allegheny County, Penn., was a son of James and Mary (Jones) Rice, formerly of Philadelphia. His wife, Mary, was a daughter of William and Margery (Dougherty) Hammond, who came from Williamsport, Penn., and settled in Woodcock Township, this county, in 1798. Thomas Rice, Sr., was for many years a Ruling Elder in the Presbyterian Church at Gravel Run (now called Woodcock), and was elected Superintendent of the first Sabbath-school organized in the place, in the year 1822, a position which he was chosen to occupy many years thereafter. He was also a soldier in the war of 1812. Our subject has always resided on the old homestead where he was born. He was united in marriage, June 13, 1844, with Sally, daughter of Philip and Lydia (Flick) Renner, who settled in Woodcock Township, this county, in 1830. To this union were born five children: William H., Thomas, Lydia J., John F., and Anna E. (wife of Joseph B. Kelly). Mr. Rice has held various offices in the gift of this township. In politics he is a Democrat.

JOHN ROUDEBUSH, farmer, Blooming Valley, was born in Bedford County, Penn., April 18, 1818; son of Michael and Elizabeth (Stull) Roudebush, who settled in what is now Woodcock Township, this county, in 1824. They came from Bedford County and located on the farm now occupied by our subject, which they cleared and improved. They were parents of five children: George, deceased; Catherine, wife of Daniel Luper; John; Nicholas, and Samuel. John Roudebush was married, February 9, 1841, to Lucy J., daughter of Joseph and Sarah Armstrong, early settlers of Troy Township, this county. By this union there were eight children: Clinton, in Chicago; Benton, in Warren, Penn.; Lorenzo, in New York City; Sylvania, deceased; Almond, in New York City; Effie, wife of S. A. Drake, of Titusville, Penn.; Frank, in New York City; and Ettie. Mr. Roudebush resides on the old homestead, which is one of the finest farms in Blooming Valley, comprising ninety acres of land. He also has a farm of 100 acres in Mead Township, this county. He has served one term as Justice of the Peace; in politics he is a Democrat.

GEORGE P. RYAN, farmer, P. O. Meadville, whose portrait appears elsewhere in this work, was born in Woodcock Township, Crawford Co., Penn., April 8, 1843, and is a son of Andrew and Permelia (Jones) Ryan. Andrew Ryan was born in Northumberland County, Penn., and was a son of John Ryan, a native of Ireland, but of Scotch descent. He settled in 1800 on the land now owned by our subject. At that time he located 100 acres of government land and subsequently purchased 100 acres more of the Holland Land Company at $1.50 per acre, a portion of which he cleared and improved. John had six children, viz.: William, Andrew, Edward, Abby

(Mrs. John McGill), Martha (Mrs. Archie McNeal), and Eliza, all of whom are now deceased. Andrew had nine children: John A., deceased; Adella R. (Mrs. James Densmore), a resident of Meadville, Penn.; Sarah J. (Mrs. Michael Cole), a resident of Venango County, Penn.; Edward, who resides in La Crosse, Wis.; Eliza (Mrs. Henry Wormersley), of Meadville, Penn.; William S., of Danbury, Neb.; Mary I. (Mrs. Thomas Graham), of Buena Vista, Colo.; Andrew W., now of Chisago, Minn., and George P., whose name heads this sketch. Our subject was married on the 25th of March, 1868, to Miss Sarah E. Gehr, daughter of Asa and Susan (Wicoff) Gehr, of Woodcock, this county, and niece of Baltzer Gehr, the centenarian (now 102 years of age). George P. Ryan has seven children, viz.: Almont, Duff P., Minnie S., Andrew A., Ernest, George and James. Mr. Ryan remained upon the old homestead with his father until July, 1862, at which time he enlisted in Company C, One Hundred and Fiftieth Regiment Pennsylvania Bucktails, and was engaged with his regiment in nearly all the important battles of the Army of the Potomac until the close of the Rebellion. He was taken prisoner at the battle of Gettysburg, July, 1863, and confined in Libby prison, Castle Thunder, and Belle Isle, Richmond, Va. After being six months a prisoner of war he was paroled and subsequently exchanged, rejoining his regiment in front of Petersburg, Va., in July, 1864. In July, 1865, he was honorably discharged and returned home. Mr. Ryan has held about all the offices within the gift of his township, and was elected Sheriff of Crawford County in 1875, serving one term of three years. In 1878 he was appointed and commissioned by Gov. Hartranft as Assistant Adjutant-General, serving on the staff of Brig. Gen. Huidekoper, of the Fifth Brigade of the National Guards of Pennsylvania, and was also commissioned Ordnance Officer with rank of Major, serving in the same command. He resigned in 1881 and went to Colorado as Superintendent of mines. In 1883 he was appointed County Commissioner of Garfield County, Colo., by Gov. Grant, and during the same year was unanimously elected Mayor of Carbonate, the county seat of Garfield County, Colo. Mr. Ryan is a noted hunter, and during his stay in the Rocky Mountains procured many fine specimens of the largest game which, as a taxidermist, he has mounted at his home in Woodcock Township. He is a member of the orders A. Y. M. and K. of P.; in politics a Democrat.

JONATHAN SAEGER (deceased) was born in Whitehall, Lehigh Co., Penn., July 9, 1811, and was a son of Daniel Saeger, who, with a family of six children, viz.: Stephen, Isaac, Edward, Thomas, Jonathan and Sarah (all now deceased), settled on the present site of Saegertown in 1824. At the time of his settlement Mr. Saeger purchased the Alden Mill property, together with a tract of several hundred acres of land and laid out the borough of Saegertown, which was named after him. He was a native of Northampton County, Penn., and of German descent. In 1807 he was appointed Justice of the Peace for his native county, by Gov. McKean, the original certificate of appointment being now in the possession of his descendants, stating that he should hold same office so long as he should behave himself well. Shortly after he settled in Saegertown, he was appointed to the same office for Crawford County, which he filled for several years. The subject of this sketch, at the age of sixteen years, entered his father's grist-mill, and learned the milling business. After his father's death he formed a partnership with his brother, Edward, in the milling and dry goods business, which continued until his brother's retirement. He then sold his interest in the store and gave his entire attention to the mill; but the cares and worry of business soon began to tell on his health, so he disposed of his mill property and soon after pur-

chased the farm generally known as the Tarr farm in Venango Township, this county, and in a few years made it one of the most desirable homes in the county. Tiring of farm life he sold out and returned to Saegertown and entered into partnership with his sons, in a general store, but took no active part in the business himself. He was married in 1842 to Elizabeth Grubb, a native of Lehigh County, born October 27, 1824. She came with her parents to this county when seven years of age and settled near Saegertown, in and near which place she spent the remainder of her life. She bore her husband twelve children, eight of whom are still living: Amos and Oliver, merchants in Saegertown; Edwin, coal dealer, Cleveland, Ohio; Sena, wife of Rev. Samuel W. Kuhns, Columbus, Ohio; Adeline, in Columbus, Ohio; Albert, in Saegertown; Andrew, druggist in Chicago, Ill.; and Wilmot, Cashier State National Bank, Dennison, Tex. Jonathan Saeger died February 19, 1877; his widow died November 20, 1882, at the age of fifty-eight. Mr. Saeger was possessed of business qualifications of a high order and scarcely ever made a bad investment. He was strictly honest and his word was as good as his bond. No engagement made by him was ever unfulfilled. Although his business life extended over a period of a quarter of a century and brought him in contact with many men, he never had a lawsuit. As a man he was positive in his convictions, as a citizen he was public spirited, and always ready to contribute liberally of his means to anything that would improve or benefit the village. Many of the attractions of Saegertown are the result of his well directed labor and council. As a Christian he was humble and sincere, for many years a member of the Lutheran Church, and he was a man of strong faith, deep piety, and fervent charity.

CHARLES SAEGER, farmer, P. O. Saegerstown, was born in Woodcock Township, this county, September 4, 1827, son of Isaac and Louise (Groff) Saeger, the former born in Lehigh County, Penn., and son of Daniel Saeger, who came from that county to Woodcock Township in 1824, purchased the milling property now owned by J. Kern & Co., together with 400 acres of land, and laid out the borough of Saegertown, named in his honor. The wife of Isaac Saeger, also a native of Lehigh County, Penn., was a daughter of George and Elizabeth Groff, the former of whom dying in that county, his widow came with her family to Meadville about 1826. Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Saeger were parents of thirteen children, ten of whom grew to manhood and womanhood, viz.: Charles; Josiah, deceased; Sarah, wife of Rev. L. J. Moyer; William; Amelia; Daniel G.; Christiana, wife of Lemuel Floyd; Emma, wife of Daniel Hagg; Olivia, wife of William Johnston, and Thomas. Our subject was married March 2, 1858, to Mary A., daughter of Nicholas and Rebecca (Biery) Snyder, early settlers of this township and formerly of Lehigh County, Penn. To this union were born seven children: Horace B., Edgar L., Samuel S., Charles W., Owen, David E. and Frank S. Mr. Saeger has resided on his present farm since 1861. He and his wife are members of the Evangelical Lutheran Church. In politics he is a Republican.

JOHN SCHANCK, farmer, P. O. Saegerstown, was born in Monmouth County, N. J., November 22, 1821, son of Ephraim L. and Eleanor (Conover) Schanck, who settled in Saegertown, this county, in 1835. The former, also a native of New Jersey, was a son of Court Schanck, a soldier in the Revolutionary war and whose ancestors came from Holland; the latter was a daughter of Garret E. Conover, whose ancestors also came from Holland. Ephraim L. was a shoe-maker by trade, and followed this occupation at Saegertown till 1845, when he purchased the farm now owned by John George and on which he resided until his death. He died in 1869 at the age of seventy-one. Mr.

and Mrs. Ephraim L. Schanck were parents of five children: William, (deceased), Conover, Mary J. (deceased), John, and Sarah V., wife of Preston Housel. Our subject was married April 12, 1854, to Anna, daughter of William and Catherine (Conover) Alford, early settlers of this township. By this union were seven children, two now living: Ephraim L., married to Henrietta Moyer, and Linn H., married to Lizzie Stoltz, both residing on the farm of our subject. Mr. Schanck has always followed agricultural pursuits and has resided on his present farm since 1869. He and his family are members of the Presbyterian Church, in which he is an Elder. In politics he is a Republican.

JOHN SCHUETZ, farmer, P. O. Meadville, was born in Prussia, March 18, 1845, son of Jacob and Louise (Schmekel) Schuetz, and with his father came to the United States in 1864, locating at Meadville, where they resided eight years. In 1872 our subject purchased the farm on which he resides, most of which he has cleared and improved himself, comprising 125 acres of land, all under cultivation, and on which he has built himself a fine residence and good out-buildings. He was married April 24, 1869, to Mary, daughter of John and Elizabeth Zelhoefer, early settlers of Rockdale Township, this county. By this union there were eight children: Anna, Mary, George, Henry, Maggie, Clara; Louise and Ida (deceased). Mr. Schuetz is an enterprising, thrifty farmer. He has served as Supervisor and School Director of his township. In politics he is independent. He and his wife are members of the Lutheran Church at Saegertown.

JAMES SEAVY, produce and wholesale and retail dealer in all kinds of fresh vegetables, Saegertown, was born in Hayfield Township, this county, October 19, 1841, son of Samuel and Harriet N. (Freeman) Seavy. His paternal grandfather, Ebenezer Seavy, formerly of Vermont, settled in Mead Township, this county, in 1818, and in 1821 in Hayfield Township, where he died. His maternal grandfather, James Freeman, formerly of New Jersey, was an early settler of Hayfield Township. Our subject's parents removed to Wisconsin when he was five years old, and he there taught school from the age of eighteen to twenty-one; when nineteen years of age he was Principal of the schools in the village of Oxford, that State, and his success as a teacher was admirable. He resided there till 1864. In January of that year he enlisted in Company D, Nineteenth Wisconsin Volunteer Infantry, serving five months as clerk of headquarters recruiting rendezvous, Madison, Wis., and five months at the front, where he was taken sick and sent to Hampton Hospital, Fortress Monroe. When convalescent he was detailed clerk of the Medical Directors' Office of Hospital. He received an honorable discharge at the close of the war. Mr. Seavy married, March 17, 1863, Helen E., daughter of William M. and Jeanette (Morgan) Gould, of Adams County, Wis., by whom he has one child—Samuel G. At the close of the war he returned to Hayfield Township, this county, and engaged in butchering till 1869, when he removed to Shamburg (an oil town), Venango County, conducting same business there till 1873, and in connection with it has been considerably engaged in handling and shipping live stock, horses, etc. While in the oil country Mr. Seavy drilled a number of wells, but was unsuccessful, they never having produced a drop of oil. He then came to Saegertown and carried on same occupation till 1881, when he embarked in market gardening, in which he has since been profitably engaged; though he has been such a short time in this business, he has made a decided success of it, and his garden is a model of thrift and neatness. He also raises plants for those who need them. At present he is shipping vegetables, all of his own growth, to oil towns by

the car load and otherwise, besides selling a large amount in Meadville, a city six miles distant from his place. Mr. Seavy is a member of the E. A. U. Has served the borough one term as School Director. In politics he is a Republican.

GEORGE L. SENSOR, farmer, P. O. Woodcock, was born in Cambridge Township, this county, October 19, 1839, son of Daniel O. and Maria (Shearer) Sensor, the former a son of Jacob and Elizabeth (Orwig) Sensor, of Centre County, Penn., the latter a daughter of John and Lucy (Lytle) Shearer, who settled in Cambridge Township, this county, in 1797. Our subject's parents were married February 15, 1837, and had five children: John T. (deceased); George L.; Robert W. (deceased); William D., and Martha A., wife of William Hale. Daniel O. Sensor was a tailor by trade; came to this county about 1830, and in 1853 located in Cambridge Township, on the farm now owned by Jacob Baugher; then moved to Venango Township, and in 1874 settled in Woodcock Township, where he now resides, our subject coming same year. George L. Sensor was married, July 11, 1859, to Ann, daughter of Josiah and Margaret (Johnson) Swift, of this township. To this union were born three children: Margaret (deceased), R. DeForest and Edward. Our subject is a member of the A. O. U. W. In politics is a Democrat. He and his wife and parents are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

ROBERT SHAW, retired farmer, Saegertown, was born in Venango County, Penn., May 23, 1804, son of James and Margaret (Irwin) Shaw. The former was a soldier in the war of 1812, and a son of Robert Shaw, all natives of Pennsylvania. The latter was a daughter of James Irwin, one of the first settlers of Cussewago Township, this county. Our subject, after spending the greater part of his life in his native county, moved to Saegertown in 1870. He was married, March 31, 1836, to Frances B., daughter of Wendell and Sarah (McGill) Bartholomew, of Clinton, Penn. By this union there were nine children: James W., of Bradford, Penn.; Robert L., of Franklin, Penn.; Adelia, wife of William Stevens, of Venango County, Penn.; Sylvester I., of Fort Lewis, Colo.; Ann J., wife of Hugh Gillespie, of Venango County, Penn.; Emeline E., wife of John Johnson, Custer City, Penn.; Sarah E.; Frances, wife of A. Rittneyer, and Parker. James W. served in the late war, enlisting in 1863. He lost his right arm at the battle of Gettysburg, July 3, 1863; is now a prominent attorney and City Judge, of Bradford, Penn. Our subject was a Democrat until the organization of the Republican party, which he has since supported. He is a tanner by trade; but has followed farming most of his life. Both he and his wife are members of the Presbyterian Church.

CHRISTOPHER SIVERLING, farmer, P. O. Long's Stand, was born in Venango Township, this county, June 5, 1823; son of John and Hannah (Camp) Siverling, and grandson of Christopher Siverling, who settled in Venango Township, this county, in 1794, locating on the farm known as the Tarr farm, which they cleared and improved. John Siverling was drafted in the war of 1812, serving under Gen. Harrison. He had six children: Betsy (deceased), wife of Simon Pieffer; George; Daniel; Margaret, wife of George Lasher; Christopher, and Catherine, wife of Elias Rogers. Our subject was twice married; on first occasion, May 9, 1844, to Mary, daughter of Michael and Rhoda (Brookhouser) Straw, of Hayfield Township, this county, who bore him five children: Anna, wife of Henry Jones, of Bradford, Penn.; Emma, wife of J. W. McFadden, of Rockdale Township, this county; Elizabeth; Margaret, wife of Fred Davis, of Bradford, Penn., and Alice. Of these, Anna and Emma are twins. He was remarried, November 15, 1866, to Sarah, daughter

of Christian and Sarah (Strauss) Houser, of Hayfield Township, this county. By this union there are two children: Homer and Mary. Mr. Siverling resided in Venango Township until 1845, when he located in Saegertown, built a pottery and embarked in the manufacture of earthen-ware, which he followed for eighteen years. In 1870 he purchased his present farm and has followed agricultural pursuits ever since. He has held various township offices. In politics he is a Democrat.

DANIEL SMITH, Sr., deceased, was born in Woodcock Township, this county, January 26, 1825; son of Joseph and Mary (Smith) Smith, the former of whom, a son of Daniel Smith, of New Haven, Conn., came to this county in 1819, locating in Athens Township, where he resided until 1821, when he removed to Woodcock Township, and there died in 1844, at the age of fifty-six. His wife was a daughter of James Smith, who came from Susquehanna, Penn., and settled in this county in 1800. Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Smith were parents of twelve children: Laban, Mary (deceased), Daniel (deceased), Ebenezer (deceased), Benjamin (deceased), Samuel (deceased), Martha (deceased), James, Marvin, Wilson, Hosea (killed at the battle of Gettysburg in 1863), and Ursula, wife of Benton Roudebush. Our subject always followed farming as an occupation. He was married March 8, 1849, to Maria, daughter of Hiram and Selinda Simmons, of Chautauqua County, N. Y., by whom he had six children: Caroline (wife of Leroy Drake), Gaylord, Alfred, Sidney (deceased), Daniel and Adeline (wife of James Shorts). No citizen of Woodcock Township evinced more public spirit and enterprise than our subject. His business energy was directed to buying and improving real estate, at which he acquired a comfortable competency. He was a man of strict integrity; in religion an Adventist; in politics a stanch Democrat. He died July 25, 1883, in his fifty-eighth year.

GAYLORD SMITH, farmer, P. O. Blooming Valley, was born in Woodcock Township, this county, April 15, 1851; son of Daniel and Maria (Simmons) Smith. He was united in marriage, March 25, 1874, with Ida, daughter of George Roudebush, who settled in this township in 1824. To this union have been born four children, viz.: Mabel, Clara and Lena, and an infant son not named. Mr. Smith resides on the old homestead and has a fine farm of 260 acres of improved land. He is now serving as Supervisor of his township; in politics he is a Democrat.

ALFRED SMITH, farmer, P. O. Blooming Valley, was born in Woodcock Township, this county, July 4, 1853; son of Daniel and Maria (Simmons) Smith. He was united in marriage, September 30, 1875, with Ida, daughter of James Ewing, of Mead Township, this county. To this union have been born two children: Clyde and Elda. In politics Mr. Smith is a Democrat.

DANIEL SMITH, Jr., farmer, P. O. Blooming Valley, was born in Woodcock Township, August 20, 1860, son of Daniel and Maria (Simmons) Smith, the former a son of Joseph Smith, a native of Connecticut, and who settled in Crawford County in 1819 (see sketch of Daniel Smith, Sr.). Our subject was united in marriage, February 22, 1879, with Ida, daughter of Cyrus and Caroline (Carpenter) Bean, of this township. To this union was born one child—Lee. In politics Mr. Smith is a Democrat.

ALONZO W. SPAULDING, farmer and dairyman, P. O. Venango, was born in Albion, Erie Co., Penn., April 2, 1844, son of Joseph and Ann (Kennedy) Spaulding, who settled in Oil Creek Township, this county, in 1845, and there lived and died. They were natives of Massachusetts, and among the early settlers of Erie County, Penn. They were parents of six children: Emily, deceased wife of S. Stetson; Granville, killed instantly by falling

through the floor of a building in Oil Creek Township, Penn.; Lavina, wife of J. W. Winans; Armitta, wife of Edwin Fuller; Alonzo W. and Sidney S. Our subject resided in Oil Creek Township till 1867; then lived five years in Venango Township, this county, engaging in mercantile business. In 1872 he located on his present farm in this township, where he has since engaged in farming and has a dairy of seventeen to twenty cows; he is a breeder of short-horn and Durham cattle, those he has being registered in the American Herd Book. He was married, October 11, 1864, to Lottie C., daughter of William and Mary (Neeb) George, and grand-daughter of David George, a native of Wales and one of the first settlers in this township. To this union were born four children: William J., Anna M., Lee and Raymond. Mr. Spaulding is an enterprising, thrifty farmer; is a F. & A. M. in good standing; in politics a Republican.

JOHN STRAUSS, farmer, P. O. Saegerstown, was born in Lehigh County, Penn., January 24, 1825, son of Daniel and Sarah (Swartz) Strauss, who settled in Woodcock Township, this county, in 1829, taking up 400 acres of land, mostly cleared by them, and a part of which is now owned by Sarah Strauss and the subject of this sketch. Our subject's father was a son of Daniel Strauss; both were natives of Lehigh County, and settled in Woodcock Township, this county, in 1829. Sarah, his wife, was a daughter of Daniel Swartz, also of Lehigh County, who settled here about the same time. Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Strauss, Jr., had five children: James, deceased; Louis, deceased; John; Amelia, wife of John Diehl, and Eliza, wife of John Work. Our subject was married, January 22, 1849, to Mary A., daughter of Abraham and Sally (Deshler) Deichman, early settlers of Saegertown. By this union there are six children: Daniel, Mary (wife of John Aulbauch), Sarah, Ellen, Emma and John. Mr. Strauss has always lived on his farm in Woodcock Township. He is a member of the Lutheran, and his wife of the German Reformed Church.

NICHOLAS R. STULL, farmer, P. O. Meadville, was born in Bedford County, Penn., January 9, 1820, son of George and Catherine (Roudebush) Stull, who settled in Woodcock Township, this county, in 1826, locating on a tract of land now owned by Samuel and Julia Little and Jacob Stull and William Long, which Mr. Stull cleared with the assistance of his boys. George was a son of Nicholas Stull, a native of Germany, and parent of ten children, viz.: Susan (deceased); Nicholas R.; Michael (deceased); John (deceased); Jacob; an infant (deceased); George; Samuel; Julia, wife of J. H. Little (deceased) and Eli. The subject of this sketch was married, September 22, 1844, to Sarah R., daughter of John and Catherine (Thorpe) Sayre, early settlers of Richmond Township, this county. By this union there are four children: Zachary T., Martha E., wife of William Burns; Sadie C. and Eudora. Mr. Stull has lived in this township since his father's settlement and resided on his farm since 1849. In politics he is a Republican. Mr. and Mrs. Stull are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

DARIUS THOMAS, farmer, P. O. Woodcock, was born in Cambridge Township, this county, June 14, 1825, son of Norman and Sally (Colter) Thomas, former of whom, a native of Massachusetts, settled in that township about 1812. His parents, Samuel and Elizabeth Thomas, located in Woodcock Township, this county, about the same time, on the farm now owned by our subject, where he (Samuel) built a log-cabin and cleared about seven acres, subsequently removing to Cambridge Township, and there died. He, with his sons—Samuel, Norman and Hezekiah—came to this county at the same time. Norman Thomas located three-quarters of a mile from Cambridgeboro, on the

farm now owned by George Thomas, which he cleared and improved and where he died. He was twice married, having by his first wife, Sally Morey, two children: Orland (deceased) and Norman. His second wife, Sally, daughter of Thomas Colter, who settled in Venango Township, this county, in 1796, bore him nine children: George; Elizabeth, wife of John Doctor; Darius; Jefferson (deceased); Mary (deceased); Edwin (deceased); Wilson C.; Josiah (deceased), and Washington. Our subject was married, September 4, 1850, to Margaret, daughter of James and Mary (Humes) Doctor, of Cambridge Township, this county. By this union there were four children: James Vernon (deceased), Ada C., Frank J. and Jefferson L. In 1850 Mr. Thomas settled on the farm where he still resides, which comprises 150 acres, ninety of which he has cleared and cultivated. He has held several township offices. In politics is a Democrat.

WILSON C. THOMAS, farmer, P. O. Woodcock, was born in Cambridge Township, this county, October 31, 1832, son of Norman and Sally (Colter) Thomas, the former of whom, a native of Berkshire County, Mass., settled in what is now Cambridge Township, this county, about 1812, locating on the farm now owned by George Thomas, a good share of which he cleared and improved. His father, Samuel Thomas, settled in Woodcock Township, this county, about the same time. Norman Thomas was twice married (see sketch of Darius Thomas), his second wife being Sally, daughter of Thomas Colter, who settled in what is now Venango Township, this county, in 1796. Our subject was married, May 11, 1853, to Helen E., daughter of George and Margaret (Humes) Doctor, of Cambridge Township, this county. Her paternal grandparents, Leonard (son of George Doctor, a native of Germany) and Elizabeth (Humes) Doctor, settled in Cambridge Township, this county, in 1800. Her maternal grandparents, Archibald and Elizabeth (McCamant) Humes were natives of Ireland. Our subject and wife have nine children: George D., Valorus A., Fred E., Hugh M., Jennie A., Albert A., Norman, Vernon and Frank. In 1853 Mr. Thomas went to Iowa, where he remained nearly two years, and there his eldest son, George D., was born. In 1855 he returned to Cambridge, living there till 1871, when he purchased the farm on which he now resides. He is a member of the Knights of Honor. Has held various township offices; in politics is a Democrat.

ANDREW J. TRACE, farmer, P. O. Saegerstown, was born in Vernon Township, this county, August 2, 1840, son of John and Anna (Brown) Trace, natives of this county. The former was a son of Frank Trace, one of the first settlers of Vernon Township, and of German descent. The latter was a daughter of Ferdinand Brown, an early settler of Summit Township, this county. Our subject was reared on a farm, and has always followed agricultural pursuits. He was married, January 3, 1867, to Susan, daughter of John and Sarah (Saxton) Van Marter, of Vernon Township, this county, formerly of Groton, N. Y. By this union there were born two children: Emmet and Sarah (deceased). Mr. Trace came to Woodcock Township, this county, in the spring of 1873, locating on the farm where he now resides. He is a member of the K. of H. In politics he is a stanch Republican.

FRANCIS C. WAID, farmer, P. O. Meadville, was born in Woodcock Township, this county, April 23, 1833. Pember Waid, his grandfather, was born August 21, 1774, in Lyme, Litchfield Co., Conn., and was there married to Anna Lord, daughter of Samuel Lord, born May 22, 1776, and died February 2, 1844. Pember Waid died February 15, 1852. They are both interred in the Blooming Valley Cemetery, Woodcock Township, this county. They were the parents of the following children: Erastus S., born May 24,

1800, married Elvira Simmons (have two sons: Lisander, now in Jamestown, N. Y., and Walter, residing near Centerville, this county); Ira C., born August 15, 1801, died January 27, 1870; Mary A., born February 26, 1803 (she was visited by Mr. Waid on New Year's Day, 1885, and found "quite well," her daughter Clarissa living with her; she resides in Jamestown, Chautauqua Co., N. Y.; she married Philander Simmons, a farmer by occupation, raised a family of ten children—six boys and four girls—all of whom are now living except Ira, who served his country three years, died October 11, 1867, of illness contracted in the army; Philander Simmons moved to Jamestown in 1855 and there died December 13, 1882); Martha L., born May 18, 1804, died January 22, 1833 (she married Lathrop Allen, whose eldest son, Henry O., painted the portraits of our subject, his wife and his parents); Eliza C., born January 11, 1806, married G. Phillips (she is a widow and lives on her farm near Townville, this county, with Pember Phillips, her youngest son; her husband died May 4, 1853, and is interred at Townville); Samuel L., born June 11, 1808, removed to Michigan after middle life, and there died about 1862; George W., born January 21, 1810, died December 4, 1861; Phœbe W., born September 24, 1811, married Cyrus Goodwill, who died May 16, 1855, aged forty-five years, one month, eleven days, and is interred at Blooming Valley (she is living at present with her youngest son, Albert Goodwill, in Warren County, Penn.; Mr. Waid had the pleasure, in company with his two eldest sons, of calling on his Aunt Phœbe, the end of November, 1884, and found her well and sitting in a rocking chair that is over one hundred years old, once owned by her uncle, Samuel Lord); Clarissa U., born January 26, 1813, died June 16, 1853 (she married George Roudebush; they lived and died in Blooming Valley; George Roudebush died November 15, 1865, aged fifty-two years, eleven months, nineteen days; he was Postmaster a long time; he was a manufacturer of window sash; Ralph Roudebush, their eldest son, now lives where they did); Henry A., born January 25, 1816, removed to the West in early life, served his country in the war of the Rebellion, and died in Illinois about 1863; Andrew G., a carpenter and joiner by trade, having worked several years with George Roudebush, Blooming Valley, born May 11, 1818 (living in Dexter, Mich.), and Horace F., born July 12, 1820, lives in Blooming Valley, this county (he served his country during the late war of the Rebellion). Pember Waid was a ship-carpenter, a vocation he chiefly followed until he came to this county, where, after constructing canal-boats here for a short period, he withdrew from active life. Our subject has heard Pember Waid say he saw the British troops when they burned the American shipping at Pettibaug (now Essex), Conn. Ira C., the second son in this family and father of our subject, was born in Litchfield County, Conn., and came with Jared Shattuck, driving a four-horse team from Connecticut to Meadville, in the fall of 1816. They were six weeks on the road. The family came in the spring of 1817. He worked three years and six months for Mr. Shattuck after coming to Meadville. In the summer of 1817 he helped to haul brick to build Allegheny College. He and Jeremiah Smith, during the winter of 1825-26, helped to stock Mr. Canaday's mills, situated on Conewango Creek, nine miles below Jamestown, Chautauqua Co., N. Y., and our subject has heard his father say that Jeremiah Smith and he put forty logs into the Conewango in one day, the trees being taken right from the stump. June 12, 1825, Ira C. Waid married Elizabeth P. Morehead, of Farmington, Hartford Co., Conn., daughter of Robert and Sarah (Clark) Morehead, who were parents of eight children, viz.: Temperance, born December 20, 1796, died March 11, 1869, at the residence of R. L. Waid, Mead Township, this county, and is interred in Blooming Valley Ceme-

tery (she married James Fergerson, and the family have all passed away except Robert A. Fergerson, who still lives on the small farm of two acres, part of the farm bought by his grandfather, Robert Morehead, on which his parents lived and on which Robert A. makes an excellent living; he is a carpenter and joiner, having learned his trade of his uncle, Joseph Finney, with whom he worked for several years, but he has since followed farming); Lydia, born November 1, 1798, died December 24, 1798; John, born December 24, 1799, died February 15, 1883; Robert, born March 12, 1802, now resides on the old homestead in Vernon Township, this county, four miles west of Meadville on the State road; Thomas, born February 11, 1808, died September 23, 1829; William C., born March 6, 1810, died April 29, 1857 (in his lifetime he did more days' work on the farm of Ira C. Waid than any person outside of the members of the family, and many hours in youth and manhood did he labor on the farm with Francis C. Waid, with whom dear recollections of those days are ever present); Elizabeth P. (our subject's mother), born August 26, 1804, died January 7, 1882, and Sarah, born August 7, 1813, died December 10, 1870, and is buried in Greendale Cemetery, Meadville, where she had erected a beautiful little monument bearing this inscription: "To my husband, Joseph Finney, born November 18, 1811, died December 6, 1853" (he was the second interred in Greendale Cemetery). Robert Morehead was a native of Ireland, born December 25, 1767, died November 12, 1851, and is interred at Meadville by the side of his wife in the old grave-yard; he was twice married; he came to America in 1787 and worked at his trade, that of a weaver, for several years in Philadelphia, New York and Newburg, N. Y. He afterward went to Farmington, Conn., and there married Sarah (Clark) Morehead, born March 12, 1771, died July 23, 1825. The record of the Clark family dates her lineage back to the landing of the "May Flower." To Mr. and Mrs. Ira C. Waid were born four children: Robert L. (deceased), George N., Franklin P. (deceased) and Francis C. Our subject's parents and deceased brothers, as well as his grandparents—Pember and Anna (Lord) Waid—and other relatives not here mentioned, are interred in the Blooming Valley Cemetery, and on August 13, 1884, Mr. Waid, assisted by Sherman and Root, of Cambridgeboro, this county, and others, erected to their memory a plain Quincy gray granite monument brought from Massachusetts. It is known as the "Waid Monument." On the west side of it are the names of his grandparents, father and mother, all born in Connecticut; on the south side is his father's family record; on the north side his own family record, and on the east side the following inscription: "In memory of my father, mother and kindred, this monument is erected by F. C. Waid." The height of the monument is nine feet, and its cost $400. At the graves of Anna and Pember Waid, also that of our subject's twin brother, Ira C. Waid had suitable tombstones erected, and after his death his widow had one placed at his grave, all of which are extant. R. L. Waid's resting place is near these, and is marked by a monument which was erected at a cost of $175. Franklin P., twin brother of the subject of this sketch, died May 28, 1854, aged twenty-one years, one month and five days, cut off in the very bloom of youth, torn from the companionship of the brother who had accompanied him into the world, and who was his every-day associate through childhood, boyhood and youth.

Life is but a fleeting show, and submit we must, with becoming reverence, to the bereavements that teach us, as a lesson, how transitory we are, and how soon we must decay. At the demise of this noble-hearted young man a singular instance of the fulfillment, to the hour and minute, of a presentiment or prevision occurred. Franklin was prostrated with typhoid fever which con-

fined him to the house and his bed seven weeks to a day, and the day before he died he said, addressing the members of the family as they all stood near his bedside, "This is the last day I will be with you," and then, intimating that they might not believe it, added, "It is so; I will die to-morrow at noon." Next morning early he called his father to his bedside and said, "Father, this is the last day I will be with you; I will die at 12 o'clock to-day." And this he repeated hour after hour till his spirit fled to the "undiscovered country from whose bourn no traveler returns," precisely as the old family clock struck the hour of twelve. The loss of his brother has been to Mr. Waid one that no lapse of time can ever restore, and the memory of him and the many happy days spent in each other's companionship, no prosperity, no adversity can ever efface.

"In my youth," writes Mr. Waid, "at the age of about sixteen, I began writing down the little transactions and common events of my life, together with such notable things as claimed my attention in our community. At the age of seventeen I was so interested in my undertaking, and did not want to lose what I had written, so I bought quite a large book, 8x10, containing about 400 pages. In this book, in the year 1851, I began writing, keeping a kind of journal, personal and otherwise. I thought it a hard task at first, and it was only with reluctance that I could persuade myself to continue, but here is the old saying, 'No real excellence without labor.' I pursued it, and instead of disliking, I loved it. It proved a source of pleasure to me then, and has been a great satisfaction as well as profit ever since. On Saturday, April 22, 1854, the day before our marriage, I found I had written the book through, except the last page, and had only perhaps improved the spare moments that would have otherwise been lost. I want others to profit from a wise improvement of their time. It is the little things after all that make a useful life. I bought N. Webster's Unabridged Dictionary March 30, 1852, and I find written in connection with my mame my motto of life as expressed then and there. It is: 'BE INDUSTRIOUS AND ACTIVE IN LIFE—BETTER WEAR OUT THAN RUST.' He who said, '*To him who walketh uprightly I will withhold no good thing*,' means or implies action, and that, too, in the right direction. How important it is for the young man setting out in life to take the right path. Solomon says: '*In all thy ways acknowledge Him, and He shall direct thy path.*' David said: '*Commit thy way unto the Lord and He will bring it to pass.*' So there is something in holding communion with the Lord. Some may wonder at so many thoughts like these, but that which I love best I expect to love longest, and I want others to seek the truth which will make us free and good."

Our subject often meditates with sincere gratitude on the blessings imparted to him in his childhood by the example and teachings of his Christian, God-fearing parents. To them he feels indebted for the maxims inculcated on him that in after life led him to seize the precious moment when it was so ordained he should, to use his own words, "choose a way of his own." At the age of seventeen Mr. Waid, ever bearing in mind the injunctions of his parents to love and fear the Lord, came to appreciate that the most important thing in life was not only obedience to his father and mother, but also a recognition of the Scriptural advice as given by St. Matthew: "*But seek ye first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added unto you.*" Mr. Waid sought this at the State Road Church on the evening of the 10th of January, 1851, during a revival meeting conducted by the Rev. S. K. Paden and other ministers. It was a notable time long to be remembered in this community, where many sought the Lord and found peace and pardon;

young and old here bowed before the Lord seeking salvation. It was here Pember Waid learned the way of life, and continued therein faithfully serving his Master until He bade him come up higher. This meeting continued several weeks, and some, to-day, who embraced it then, are teaching the Gospel; and Mr. Waid desires to impress on every one, particularly the youth of our land, that he finds this same seeking after righteousness helps him wonderfully to solve the problem of life, and he confidently affirms that he owes all his success to a proper regard for the apostle's injunction and his parents' lessons in OBEDIENCE, INDUSTRY and ECONOMY.

In his seventeenth year, when his twin brother and he chose the good way, their parents presented each of them with a Bible. George N. Waid has Franklin's Bible, and our subject still possesses his own, but has found it necessary, after twenty-two years of wear and tear, to have it rebound, and, of all books, he contends, that one is still his choice. "The truth set forth there," says he, "is grander than any scene in nature. How I love to contemplate it. I have had the pleasure of looking on the beautiful scenery of the Hudson River, and several times in my life of surveying the grandeur of Niagara Falls with other scenes and wonders in nature, and it was only when I viewed them in the light of inspiration that I received the greatest amount of pleasure. I would 'look through nature up to nature's God.'"

The early days of our subject were spent in assisting his father about the farm, and attending the common schools. (He has two school-cards, one given to his twin brother, the other to himself, both bearing this date: "June 18, 1838; Lucinda Gleen, teacher.") From this he went direct to Allegheny College for two terms (the fall of 1851 and the spring of 1852). In that spring Mr. Waid boarded with his uncle, Joseph Finney; "one of the best uncles he ever had." His wife was Mr. Waid's mother's youngest sister. Mr. Finney was a carpenter and joiner, one of Meadville's most expert workmen. He gave employment to several men, and erected many buildings in his day, both in town and country. In 1845 he built Ira C. Waid's house, where our subject's son, Guinnip P., now lives. When Francis C. Waid and his twin brother, Franklin P., were boys, Mr. Finney, while he was building the house spoken of, made each of them a hand-sled of common ash flooring, and one of these sleds remained in existence till worn out, not very long ago, by Mr. Waid's youngest son, Fred F. There were six children in Joseph Finney's family, only one of whom is now living—Joseph R., a dentist in Pittsburgh, Penn. The eldest son, David Finney, who learned his father's trade, built, in 1861, the house Francis C. Waid now lives in; also, at a later date, George N. Waid's house.

At that time (the fall of 1851 and spring of 1852) there was no academy at Meadville nor Saegertown, but being acquainted with S. S. Sears, who graduated in 1852 from Allegheny College, Mr. Waid was induced by him to accompany him to Waterford, Erie County, where he (Mr. Sears) had received an appointment as teacher; and so our subject became one of his pupils during the fall term of 1852, in company with C. R. Slocum and E. T. Wheeler, boarding with Matthew Smith, a farmer. In the fall of 1853 Mr. Waid attended, one term, the academy at Meadville, taught by Samuel P. Bates and Thomas Thickstun, C. R. Slocum and he boarding, during that term, with Mr. Henderson. These four terms comprised his entire education outside of what he obtained in the common schools. Our subject relates with characteristic pride how that the first dollar he ever earned was got by picking strawberries along with his twin brother and selling them at five cents per quart, with the proceeds of which they had the privilege of buying their own clothes, and still they had some "spending money." At the age of fifteen he made his

first trip from home, assisting Charles Hodge and Bowers in driving cattle from this county to Heard's Corners, four miles from Goshen, Orange Co., N. Y., and on his return he had his first ride on a railway train, from Albany to Schenectady (sixteen miles). Mr. Waid has, since then, ridden many thousands of miles, but no journey has ever given him so much pleasure as that short trip on the cars. He also sailed on the lake steamer "Bunker Hill," from Buffalo to Erie, (the lake was rough but he did not get seasick, though glad when they came into port), footing it thence home, thinking, as he plodded on his way, he had seen part of the world in earnest.

The day Mr. Waid informed his parents that he was about to get married, his mother said to him, "Well! if you do so, my son, you will have to work for a living." Shakespeare says there are "tongues in trees, books in the running brooks, sermons in stones and good in everything;" and the following homily from the pen of Mr. Waid himself, in reference to his love for labor, will testify that he fully endorses the aphorism "there is good in everything." "If I have to say it for myself," says Mr. Waid, "(and there is truth enough in it to bear me out), over thirty years of my life have been spent in the solution of that problem, and I am not yet tired, for—I LOVE LABOR. I know it is a saying few utter, but I am one of those few, and to-day I thank my mother for so much advice given in so few words. That knitting represented in her portrait in this volume means something. I am truly glad the days and years of my life have passed so joyously on the farm. It is written in the good Book: '*The blessing of the Lord it maketh rich and He addeth no sorrow with it.*' Prov. x, 22. How true it is!" Mr. Waid was married on his twenty-first birthday, April 23, 1854, which, falling on a Sunday, he claims caused no interruption to daily labor. The partner of his choice, Miss Eliza C. Masiker, is a daughter of Jacob and Clarissa (Wood) Masiker, early settlers of Randolph Township, this county, and who came from Hinsdale, Cattaraugus Co., N. Y. In Jacob Masiker's family were eight children: Ara, Willis, Matilda J., Eliza C., Avery W., Moses, James H. and George K. Moses was a soldier in the One Hundred and Eleventh Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, was in several battles and was wounded in the right elbow, having almost lost the use of that arm ever since (he owns sixty acres of the old homestead in Randolph Township, this county, and there resides); James H. was a soldier in the Eighty-third Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, and was killed at the battle of Fair Oaks in front of Richmond; George K., being in Iowa, enlisted in a regiment there and died in the hospital. Jacob Masiker died January 30, 1860, and is interred in Blooming Valley; Clarissa, his widow, died several years after in Cattaraugus County, N. Y., the land of her nativity. "*Whoso findeth a wife findeth a good thing and obtaineth favor of the Lord.*" (Prov. xviii, 22). Jacob Masiker had but two daughters and Mr. Waid says he has often thought, and has had time enough since his marriage (over thirty years) to think how fortunate he and Mr. Cutshall were in finding them when they did. The words of Solomon proved literally true. They had found "*a good thing,*" even if they failed somewhat in their expectations.

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For three years or more Mr. Waid had been thinking of buying a farm for his eldest son, or Guinnip P., with the intention of his making a life home of it, so on January 29, 1885, he purchased of Rev. A. S. Goodrich one containing nearly 100 acres, known as the Jabez Goodrich farm (Jabez Goodrich was father of Rev. A. S.), situated on the State road four miles east of Meadville, two miles west of Blooming Valley and less than a mile from the home of F. C. Waid. Our subject offered Mr. Goodrich $45 per acre for the property, and they agreed not to survey it but simply "chain" it. Calling Martin Carpenter, of Blooming Valley, to come and see fair play between old friends (and for that matter relatives), Mr. Waid and Mr. Goodrich took each an end of the chain, and January 28, 1885, though a bitter cold day, tramping around and through deep snow drifts, and frequently having to change their course, they finally reached their point and found the measurement to be 97 acres and 124 perches, which would bring $4,399. On examining the amount, Mr. Waid protested that it did not look well. "Permit me, Archibald," said he, "to change that sum." "What!" exclaimed Mr. Goodrich. "Oh! call it $4,400," quietly returned Mr. Waid. This business transaction was completed January 30, and Mr. Goodrich returned to the field of his ministerial labors at Ridgeway, Elk Co., Penn. The purchase of this farm almost at his very door, after going all the way to east Tennessee for the same purpose, as already narrated, reminds Mr. Waid of a former transaction. When he was teaching school and had some opportunity of looking about him, especially in quest of a partner for life, he failed to find the object of his choice, but on coming home he discovered in his parents' kitchen a young lady doing house-work, and that young lady is now Mrs. F. C. Waid. "If I am as well satisfied with the farm I have just bought," says Mr. Waid, "I will indeed be contented." Our subject has also a little property (three houses) in the Second Ward, east side Green Street, city of Meadville, and a wood lot situated about two miles east of his farm in the adjoining township, Richmond, and forty-five acres bought of Daniel Smith, April 10, 1874, lying south and adjoining the farm, but in Mead Township, and which has been very much improved since purchased. The last timber on this lot was removed during the month of March, and at present it is in meadow, except about five acres, which is used as pasture.

Our subject says there are three things he can always love—a book, a newspaper and a friend. In connection with books there is another thing Mr. Waid dearly loves—the Sunday-school, which has with him but one term, and that is not yet out. His parents taught their children to go to Sabbath-school in child-

hood at the old State road, and our subject was there last Sunday and wishes to continue. In youth he bought a very small Testament and for several years he carried it in his pocket instead of a plug of tobacco. He was satisfied then and is yet with the choice he made. "I cannot remember the time when my father," says Mr. Waid, "did not take from one to three or four newspapers; I loved to read them. Since we were married we have taken the papers; we began with one but now take seven or eight; the Meadville *Weekly Republican*, then I think known as *The Spirit of the Age*, has been a weekly visitor with us ever since we were married. S. S. Sears took my name as a subscriber in 1854. He who would have friends must show himself friendly and there is a Friend that sticketh closer than a brother. Acting on this rule will bring friendship by deserving it and especially so when we have the aid of that Friend spoken of. The earth in her bountiful goodness produces all the necessaries of life; but what is life without the interchange of thought?" On his farm, on the north side of the State road, is a field, nearly all meadow, 100 acres in extent, it having contained its present number of acres since 1873. There is and has been since this land was cleared a lane on the east side of this field, also a lane on the west side, a sugar bush on the north end of the lot and a young grove of 130 sugar maples at the northeast corner. The north end of this field gently slopes to the north. Near the sugar bush is a never-failing spring in addition to the one about to be spoken of, and on the beautifully rising ground, perhaps eighty rods from the sugar bush, is a hay-barn. There are also several handsome shade trees (maples) that adorn the field, which is most beautifully located and is just sufficiently undulating to be free from the monotony of a constant level or from abrupt hills. In addition to the natural rolling and graceful surface which nature has given to this most attractive portion of the earth, she has supplied it with an abundance of the Lord's best gift to man—pure, sparkling water. Near the east side of the field is one of the most abundant and never-failing springs to be found in all the country, its crystal-like current gushing from the earth and flowing diagonally across the entire field, thus supplying it *ad libitum*, with ever refreshing water. Like Jacob's well of old, this spring supplies water to all who may come, when, by reason of drouth, other sources fail. People passing by exclaim, "How beautiful that field is! What made it so? Labor?" Yes, the work and indomitable perseverance of two or three generations have made this fair meadow what it now is. Here our subject's grandfather, Pember Waid, and father, Ira C. Waid, toiled for many long years, spending a large portion of their lives, assisted by other help, on these same acres, and Mr. Waid himself feels that he will never regret having devoted much diligent toil to improving and beautifying that field. But there was something more than mere manual labor employed. Thought had to precede and accompany the work that brought this luxuriant meadow to its present beautiful and productive condition. This field, containing, according to the deed, "100 acres and allowance," was purchased October 7, 1823, of Jared Shattuck, for the sum of $500. What a change in value and appearance it now presents, over sixty years from the date of its purchase!

Two objects attract the attention of the people as they pass the homestead of Mr. Waid, and those are the large field spoken of and a big wood-pile. For twenty years or more there have been several hundred cords of stove-wood of various lengths piled up in the wood-yard all the year round, so that when the dry wood was removed the green might take its place. Some years there have been as much as 400 cords on hand at a time, and never at any time less than 200; so "Waid's big wood-pile" has become a sort of proverb. It is worthy of

remark that this wood is generally hauled into the yard during the winter and cut by hand with the cross-cut saws during the spring before farm work opens. Orlando Waid and Franklin I. Waid, Mr. Waid's eldest son, cut fifteen and a half cords in one day, and our subject, with other help, split and corded the wood and measured it, perhaps the best day's sawing ever done on the farm.

Mr. Waid says: "I have hired men who can cut more wood in a day than I can or ever did, and I have been frequently asked: 'How much did you ever cut in a day?' On March 10, 1865, my brother George N. required some wood cut, so with an ax I cut, split and piled two and three quarters cords of eighteen-inch sugar-tree wood; and next day I cut, split and piled three and one quarter cords same kind of wood. Do you ask me if I think I ever did a better day's work? I believe I did. On the day I was thirty-five years old Henry Smith and I set out in front of his residence and grocery, on the corner of State and Grove Streets, Meadville, nine sugar maples, quite large trees, all of which grew well and now greatly add to the looks of that part of the town. Life is desirable when we do good. I think it was in the spring of 1870 that I had the pleasure one day, along with my brethren, of setting out twelve trees by the State Road Church, nearly all of which are now living. (The sheds were built in December, 1879; the house repaired and new style windows put in, in 1882. The first house was erected in 1824, the present one in 1847. I understand there was a log schoolhouse in which meetings were held years before 1824, and it is said on good authority that the first meeting held in this community was about seventy-two years ago at Edward Douglas' place, about one mile northeast of the State Road Church.)" Thomas W. Grayson, Esq., of the *Crawford Democrat*, when he and his wife called on Mr. Waid two years ago, said, on looking over the farm: "It is one of the grandest farms in the county; such clean fence-rows and beautiful fields; and that large field looks like a young prairie! (This was soon after haying). "Farm life," adds Mr. Waid himself, "includes more than mere agricultural labor, for it offers opportunities, if embraced, which bring greater peace and happiness than any other occupation, or as great, at least."

Mr. Waid does his farming on the same principle he does his voting—acting in each the best he knows how, and then trusting the result with Him who doeth all things well. Mr. Waid's first vote (in 1854) was challenged, and his chagrin may be imagined when he had to confess he had no property – not even a cow. So in this instance he voted on his age, being twenty-one years old the 23d of April that year. After that his wife allowed him to call the cow, which was her own for benefit of both, his property, and it was accordingly assessed to him, since when he has had no difficulty in casting his vote. It is written, "*Seest thou a man diligent in his business; he shall stand before kings, he shall not stand before mean men.*" Years ago, when he first plunged into practical farming, our subject would sell the hay off his farm, and some people advised him not to do so, as he would soon impoverish the soil. But he did not stop there; he tried to be more "*diligent in business*," and so returned to the farm one of two loads of manure for every load of produce taken therefrom, and as years have rolled by, he has increased the number of loads of manure, which accounts for the present fine condition of the land. Mr. Waid and his family, like other farmers who have raised a variety of crops, have made the growing of hay the main specialty for the past twenty years. During the last twenty-five years our subject avers they have taken off the farm and teamed to Meadville market as many loads of wood and as many tons of hay as any one he knows of, and nearly an equivalent in manure has invariably been returned to

the soil, thereby increasing the productiveness of his land. In December, 1865, Mr. Waid sold hay, only a few tons, from $28 to $30 per ton, and in the spring of 1866 it fetched $40 and some as high as $45 per ton. These were the highest prices obtained by him. The lowest sum he has any knowledge of having been fetched was $3.50 per ton. Hay brings at present (winter 1884–85) from $12 to $13.

"Prof. A. B. Hyde," says Mr. Waid, "who was connected with Allegheny College twenty years, but who is now in Denver, Col., would greet me thus: 'How do you do, *happy farmer?*' and the suggestive appellation was so true I could not go back on it. I miss him now, but I often think of the man who spoke those words. In childhood and youth I loved the company of good men, and when I had an opportunity I sought them out, in order to hear their counsel and profit by what they would say. If I were to go on a journey and had never learned anything of the way, how glad I would be to converse with some faithful friend who had already traveled that way; so when we find men who have been a little more successful than ourselves, we are anxious to know how they managed it. I want to be doing something to-day that will bring good, now or in the future, and I know if my motive is right, and my action is good, it will bring the object sought. You want proof? '*Whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap.*' Youth, if you would be safe, do not lose sight of the old landmarks. In some of the short speeches at our wedding and birthday celebrations, some of my friends, with Dr. Weter in his remarks said, 'F. C. Waid is a man who is noted for attending to his own business, and letting other people's business alone.' In my reply to that statement I have this to offer. In my school days I read of two men—one who attended to his own business, and the other who neglected it, and frequently meddled with his neighbors' affairs. Well, the sequel is this: the man who minded his own business is said to have made a thousand a year, while the other man failed to make a comfortable living. And since the reading of that story I have tried to imitate the man who made the thousand dollars. A tree is known by its fruit. There stand in our front yard a short distance from the walk that leads to the house, two large pear trees, one on the right hand, the other on the left; they were probably set out sixty years ago by Pember Waid, and have borne fruit since my first recollection of them. They are thrifty and in good condition, promising, unless some misfortune happens them, to bear fruit for the sixth generation. My two eldest grandchildren have eaten of their fruit, and for aught I know the sixth generation may." There is also a pine tree on the east side of the walk set there by our subject's eldest son over twenty years ago. He brought this tree from the forest, more than a mile distant, and did all the work himself in transplanting it, as the other members of the family cared nothing for it. But the tree grew, and now they value it.

A friend of Mr. F. C. Waid, while on one of his frequent pleasant visits to the hospitable home of the latter, and when in the reception room, remarked: "You are quite a Tennesseean, I see you have a fireplace in this room." "Yes," replied Mr. Waid, "and use it when we have occasion to. My mother was the last person in this neighborhood to give up cooking by a fire-place, and I know of but one other family in this community who use a fire-place to sit by, and the race is between us. Besides, I never find the same comfort sitting by a stove as by the cheerful chimney corner, and our friends, when visiting us, so well enjoy the 'old new thing,' in cold weather, we can afford to keep it up on their account, and so in 1884 you find in my house the good old-fashio n grate with its cheery fire and cosy hearth." Yes; there is indeed the good old-fashioned fire-place with its many hallowed associations that are understood by

us to-day just as they were understood by our forefathers centuries ago; associations that are linked as closely as love can unite them with all the holy ties of domestic happiness and peace, ever reminding us that, as the "sacred refuge of our life," be it the palace or cot, be it regal and stately, or "be it ever so humble, there's no place like home"

Francis C. Waid's parents only paid one visit to the land of their nativity (Connecticut) after coming to Pennsylvania, and it was a notable and pleasant coincidence, not only in their lives, but in the lives of our subject and his wife, that they four should form the happy party to perform that dutiful and almost sacred pilgrimage and to remain together during the entire visit. Mr. Waid himself, in his own graphic manner, thus speaks of this interesting episode in their lives:

"A good man lives his life twice over, and in this sense I think of my parents. From my earliest boyhood until their journey through life closed I have heard them speak of relatives, friends and schoolmates in Connecticut. *Hearing of* and *seeing* are two different things, like faith and works, but the one often leads to the other; so after a lapse of forty-eight years, my father, mother, my wife and myself, on August 24, 1864, left for the land of my parents' childhood and youth. My eldest son—Franklin I—who was then only in his ninth year, drove us to Waterford in a two-horse carriage, and returned home the following day. The good visit opened with my old familiar friend with whom I had boarded when attending the academy in 1852, and we had the pleasure of calling on relatives and friends at several places. In the town of Saybrook, Conn., my father met some of his old schoolmates, and after crossing the Connecticut River and coming into the town where he was raised, we put up at the home of Benijah Bills, whose father was still living in the same building. In conversation with him, Mr. Bills said that he had worked many a day with Pember Waid in the shipyard. Three of my father's aunts were living, aged seventy-eight, eighty-two and eighty-six respectively. Visiting the old schoolhouse and play-ground, we found the boys playing (it being noon recess) as merrily and boisterously as my father and his chums did on the same ground half a century before. 'There,' said my father, 'is the hickory tree I have told you so much about; it does not look as big as I thought it would be, but it is the same old tree; here we played base ball,' pointing out the spot.

> 'Here the meadow, there the tree, the wonted scene,
> Where in boyish glee so oft we gambolled on the green.'

"On this I felt like paying my father a compliment, but I was relieved by my mother saying: 'Ira, you look and act more like a boy now than your youngest son.' 'Good!' exclaimed I; 'I have a mother if my father is a boy.' In company with Mr. Brockway, father showed us where the old cider-mill stood and how they used to make the cider when he was a boy. There lay the old bed rock with a groove cut in circular form, perhaps a foot wide by two or three inches deep, in which a large stone wheel ran to crush the apples, and near by lay a portion of one of the stone wheels partly covered by grass and rubbish. After viewing this I did not wonder at my father building a cider-mill and a good one in its day. When we came to the house where Pember Waid had lived, my father stepped up to the door (which was open) and, taking off his hat, said: 'I have got home now, I will go in without knocking.' My father seemed to me to be as well pleased as anybody could be. The impression made has never been forgotten. We gathered wild grapes by the same place where he had picked them in childhood's sunny days along with his brothers

and sisters. In meeting with relatives and friends my pen is inadequate to relate more than a few of the joys that came to each of us. We visited Forestville, Farmington and the city of Hartford, where my parents looked, for the last time, on those whom they loved so well. Altogether it was one of the happy events of our lives, and one we shall never forget. Frederick A. Tiffany, with whom we seemed to make our home during our visit in that locality, is my father's cousin. He (Mr. Tiffany) had visited my relatives in Crawford County previous to our going to Connecticut, and once since with his wife he visited my parents and myself and family, and my father had the pleasure of taking them to other relatives and friends, where they rehearsed for the last time."

To speak of the many acts of charity, liberality and good works of Francis C. Waid might be here considered an act of superfluity, but is it not written in the Scriptures: "Let your liberality be known to all men?" Reference might, in a becoming spirit, be made to the ministers of the Erie Conference, who can speak in Mr. Waid's behalf as to his relationship in assisting to build and repair churches, in furthering missionary work, etc., not to mention what he has done for his own church, his "Pilgrim Home," on the State road. Mr. Waid has long since realized the fact that "*It is more blessed to give than to receive.*" Several years ago our subject was present at the dedication of a church at Saegerton, but did not arrive in time to hear the text. After a good sermon came the "tug of war" to raise the amount necessary to free the church from debt. Mr. Waid was waiting for an opportunity which soon came. Being anxious to know what the text was, he rose to his feet and said, addressing the speaker: "Sir, please to repeat the text, as I came too late to hear it, and I will donate $100." "Good!" exclaimed the speaker, "I hope there are more of you who want to hear the text." Business then moved on in a lively manner. The text was from Matthew v, 16: "*Let your light so shine before men that they may see your good works and glorify your Father which is in heaven.*" Similar scenes occurred at Blooming Valley, Townville and some other places where Mr. Waid was present.

In Crawford County, as in many other localities, it is customary to hold birthday celebrations and wedding anniversary parties, so, as he says himself, Mr Waid found he had gained a day (if it did take fifty years to find it out); his fiftieth birthday and twenty-ninth wedding anniversary were celebrated April 23, 1883. One of the presents was a reclining chair valued at $12.50; in return the family likenesses were distributed to the party. The family group known as "F. C. Waid's Family, 1884," is still being offered, and is said to be the best they have had taken. The daughters-in-law in the family are consistent members of the Methodist Episcopal Church. Our subject has held several township offices; in politics he is a mild Republican.

In this volume appear portraits of our subject and wife, his father and mother and their children, except the twin brother, and the only reason his likeness is not in this book is because his portrait was never taken, or Mr. Waid would, if possible, find greater pleasure in placing it here than those of either of the other brothers which appear, but his image is so engraved in his memory that, as has been said, neither prosperity nor adversity can ever efface it. There also appear portraits of the other members of the family, and it is due to the memory, love and respect Mr. Waid bears toward his parents and kindred that such remembrances of them are placed on record in the history of Crawford County. In Mr. Waid's youth, being so much in the company of his twin brother, it became a common expression with him to say "Frank and I," but it has almost become as frequent for him to express himself thus: "George

and I," referring to George W. Cutshall, they having spent so much of their time together in labor on each of their farms and elsewhere, as well as in visiting at home. They have traveled thousands of miles in each other's company and, as Mr. Cutshall says, "have crossed many a wooden bridge and some iron bridges, together, safely." In the Bible it is written by the wisest man, "*Thine own friend and thy father's friend forsake not.*" G. W. Cutshall was Mr. Waid's father's friend, and he was also a true friend of our subject in their youth, before either was married, and the relationship which they have sustained toward each other since is one in which true friendship has existed and is now fully realized and appreciated by both parties. So Mr. Waid has chosen Mr. Cutshall from among his friends as one on whom he might have the pleasure of bestowing a lasting token of esteem and friendship by having his consent to place his (Mr. Cutshall's) portrait in the history of Crawford County, another testimony to Mr. Waid's proverbial generosity.

"*When a man's ways please the Lord, He maketh even his enemies to be at peace with him.*" "*A good man leaveth an inheritance to his children's children, and the wealth of the sinner is laid up for the just.*" (Matthew, v, 40.) "*And if any man will sue thee at the law and take away thy coat, let him have thy cloak also.*" (And verse 44.) "*But I say unto you love your enemies, 'bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you, and pray for them which despitefully use you and persecute you.* (1st Corinthians, xiii, 13.) *And now abideth faith, hope, charity, these three, but the greatest of these is charity.*"

In conclusion Francis C. Waid says, "Here I not only desire to express my thankfulness to the Giver of all good, but also to them who are so deserving, and may life continue on as pleasant, as peaceful and as happy in the future, until we arrive at our long Home."

GEORGE N. WAID, farmer, P. O. Meadville, was born in Woodcock Township, this county, October 27, 1829; son of Ira C. and Elizabeth P. (Morehead) Waid, natives of Connecticut. Ira C. was a son of Pember Waid, of Connecticut, and settled in Woodcock Township, this county, in 1816, locating on the farm now owned by Francis C. Waid, which they cleared and improved. Mrs. Ira C. Waid was a daughter of Robert and Sarah (Clark) Morehead, former a native of Ireland, and who settled in Vernon Township, this county, in 1818. To Ira C. Waid and his wife were born four children, viz.: Robert L., deceased; George N.; Franklin P., deceased, and Francis C. —the last two named were twins. Our subject was married, April 30, 1855, to Mary J., daughter of Cyrus and Priscilla (Gilbert) Bean, early settlers of this township, formerly of Bucks County, Penn. To this union were born ten children: Iowa (born in Lee County, Iowa, wife of Walter Joslin, and living in this county), Elizabeth P. (born in Lee County, Iowa, wife of William Riddle, and living in Bolivar, Allegany Co., N. Y.), Blanche E. (also a native of Lee County, Iowa, wife of Augustus Anderhalt, and living in Union, Erie Co., Penn.), Greely (died March 27, 1864, aged two years, ten months and five days), Grant N., Ira C., Jennie L., Plunmar B., Lloyd, and Charley (born October 21, 1881). Mr. Waid moved to Iowa in 1855, taking a span of good horses with him, and bringing them back to Crawford County on his return home in 1860. While in Iowa our subject was visited in the spring of 1857 by his parents, and in the fall of 1860 by his brother, Francis C., who then for the first time saw "the West," and he accompanied his brother and family on their journey fifteen days after leaving West Point, Iowa, as far as Indianapolis, Ind., where he left them, thence returned to Erie, Penn., by rail, and from there to Meadville by stage. Our subject's father assisted him in buying a piece of land in Iowa, on which he built a house and which he

farmed until his return home, but several years afterward sold, as renting property so far away was not profitable. Mr. Waid has resided since 1865 on his present farm located on the Dickson road, four miles northeast of Meadville, and one mile north of the Methodist Episcopal Church on the State road. He has a saw-mill for custom work, which he operates during four months in each year. Mr. Waid enlisted during the late Rebellion in July, 1862; received a gunshot through the lungs at the battle of Gettysburg, July 1, 1863, and was honorably discharged on account of disability February 18, 1864. Francis C. Waid, George N. Waid, and their brother-in-law, George W. Cutshall, have traveled many thousand miles together. In 1876 they visited the Centennial; in the fall of 1880 they had the pleasure of visiting friends and relatives in Minnesota, Iowa and Nebraska; and in December, 1883, they made a trip to Knoxville, East Tenn., on which occasion Mr. Francis C. Waid's mission was one of business and to see his eldest son. Mr. Waid in politics is independent. His portrait appears in this volume through the liberality and as a complimentary tribute from his only brother now living, F. C. Waid.

DANIEL WEIKAL, farmer, P. O. Meadville, was born in Columbia County, Penn., December 7, 1822, son of Daniel and Mary M. (Savage) Weikal. When he was two years old his parents moved to Venango County, Penn., where they lived and died. They had nine children, six now living: Elizabeth (wife of Seth T. Newton, of Hayfield Township, this county), William, John, Daniel, Martha (wife of James Curtis, of Oakland Township, Venango Co., Penn.,) and Joseph. The subject of this sketch lived in Venango County, Penn., until 1844, when he came to this county, and in 1845 purchased the farm on which he resides in this township, which he has partly cleared and improved himself. He has been twice married. On first occasion, January 16, 1845, to Mary, daughter of Asa and Mary (Dorrel) Dunn, by whom he had two children: Mary J. and an infant, both deceased. His second marriage, July 3, 1860, was with Priscilla, daughter of Adam and Nancy (Dunn) Yocom. early settlers of this county. Mr. Weikal has filled several of the minor township offices. In politics he is a Democrat. Both he and his wife are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

G. W. WETER, physician, Blooming Valley, was born in Clarion County, Penn., October 20, 1847, and is a son of George and Sarah (Lobaugh) Weter. Our subject acquired his literary education at Callensburg (Clarion Co., Penn.,) Academy and Clarion Collegiate Institute, Rimersburg (also in Clarion County). He then for several years engaged in teaching, and was for two years Assistant Principal of the Clarion Collegiate Institute. In 1871 our subject began the study of medicine with Dr. R. C. Callahan, of Rimersburg, Penn., where he remained until the fall of 1873. After taking a year's course in the medical department of the Western Reserve College, Cleveland, Ohio, he began to practice his profession along with Dr. I. W. Mease, of Shippenville, Clarion Co., Penn., with whom he continued a year and a half. In the fall of 1875 the Doctor took another course at the Western Reserve College, Cleveland, graduated in 1876, and in August of that year located at Blooming Valley, this county, where he has since continued in active practice. Our subject was married March 28, 1876, to Emma J. Mease, of Clarion County, Penn., by whom he has two children: Arthur R. and Lelah M. The Doctor and wife are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church. He has held various offices of trust in Blooming Valley. In politics he is a Republican.

FRANK H. WILSON (deceased) was born near Doylestown, Bucks Co.,

Penn., July 1, 1813, and is a son of John and Elizabeth (Himmelright) Wilson, who, in the fall of 1827, brought their family and household goods in wagons and drove stock over the Alleghenies to Meadville, being nearly four weeks on the journey. They located the same season on a farm on Woodcock Creek, four miles east of Saegertown. Our subject was fourteen years old at the time, and assisted his father to cut the timber preparatory to erecting a large log-house, where the whole family were reared. Mr. and Mrs. John Wilson were parents of twelve children: Francis H. (deceased), Mary A. (wife of John H. Culbertson), William (deceased), James, Alfred, Charlotte (deceased), Julia A. (wife of Hiram Spencer), Redding, John (deceased), Joseph C., Emily (wife of Simeon Dickson) and Price. Our subject, the eldest, was married February 2, 1860, to Eliza, daughter of Patrick and Mary (Sloan) Blair, natives of Ireland, and who settled in this township in 1835. By this union there was one child—Agnes M., wife of Robert G. Davison, who has two children: Frank W. and James H. Mr. Wilson has always been a farmer and resided on the old homestead until his death, which occurred November 28, 1882, in his seventieth year. He was wedded to his occupation and early in life formed habits of industry, economy and frugality. He attained success in his favorite calling, and his farm was a model of neatness, order and thrift. For many years previous to his demise he was subject to a peculiarly afflicting malady, which to a great extent prevented him from associating with the world, obliging him to lead somewhat the life of a recluse. His widow and daughter live on the old homestead.

WILLIAM WILSON, farmer, P. O. Meadville, was born in Woodcock Township, this county, in 1832, and is a son of George and Isabel (Birney) Wilson, natives of County Armagh, Ireland, who settled in Woodcock Township, this county, in 1830, on the farm now owned by Daniel Whitehead, which they cleared and improved. They were parents of thirteen children, ten now living: Celia, Rachel, Margaret, Jane, Anabel, Thomas, James, William, George and Edward. Our subject was married March 18, 1877, to Harriet, daughter of James Foster, of New York. By this union are two children: Willie and Isabel. Mr. Wilson has always lived in his native township, residing on the old homestead until the spring of 1884, when he traded for the farm where he now resides. In politics he is a Democrat. He is a member of the Methodist Episcopal and his wife of the Episcopal Church.

SAMUEL WISE, farmer, P. O. Meadville, was born in Aaronsburg, Centre Co., Penn., September 18, 1806; son of Martin and Katherine (Lutz) Wise. He came to Woodcock Township, this county, with his father, in 1830, settling a half mile from his present residence. They bought the farm, which was cleared and improved and is now owned by our subject, in 1837, settling on it in 1839, and keeping public house until 1858. Martin was twice married, Samuel being the only issue by his first union. By his marriage with Susan Motz, who became his second wife, were five children, three now living, viz.: Mary, wife of Michael Minium; Lucinda, wife of Samuel Richards, and Eliza, wife of G. W. Hecker. The subject of this sketch was married October, 1859, to Mary, daughter of John and Catherine Mosier, of Cussewago Township, this county, who bore him one son—William S. She died in 1878, aged fifty-five. Mr. Wise has filled various township offices. In politics he is a Republican. He is a member of the Evangelical Lutheran Church.

CHARLES WOTRING, farmer, P. O. Saegerstown, was born in Lehigh County, Penn., August 26, 1812; son of Samuel and Eve (Garver) Wotring, who settled in Woodcock Township, this county, in 1826, purchasing, in 1827, the tract of land now owned and occupied by our subject and the County Poor

Farm, clearing and improving a good share of it. Charles Wotring was married, January 15, 1837, to Mary, daughter of Peter and Charlotte (Good) Beige, who were among the early settlers of this township; they were from Lehigh County, Penn., and of German descent. To this union were born thirteen children, viz.: William, Henry, Eliza (deceased), Gideon, Samuel, Lavina (wife of Frank Hildebrand), Alfred P., Anna, Daniel, Wayne, Charles, Phebe C. and an infant (deceased). Mr. Wotring in politics is a Republican. He and his family are members of the German Reformed Church.

WILLIAM C. WYGANT, insurance agent and Justice of the Peace, Blooming Valley, was born in Georgetown, Mercer Co., Penn., May 23, 1846; son of James and Lucretia B. (Hawley) Wygant. His paternal grandparents, Jonathan and Phebe (Townsend) Wygant, settled in Mead Township, this county, in 1836; the former a native of New Jersey and a son of James Wygant, a soldier of the Revolution, also settling in Mead Township in 1836; the latter was a daughter of Samuel Townsend, of Chemung County, N. Y. James, the father of our subject, was twice married; on first occasion, September 18, 1844, to Lucretia B., daughter of William H. and Lucretia B. (Benton) Hawley, of Schoharie County, N. Y., by whom he had four children: William C., Jennie (wife of William Hess), John and James (deceased). He married, August 6, 1854, for his second and present wife, Maria, daughter of Loren and Mary (Collins) Culter, of Randolph Township, this county, and by this union has had three children: Mary (deceased), Ella M., wife of Dr. Fred Clark, and Ira C. Mr. Wygant worked at shoe-making for many years, and in 1865 embarked in mercantile business in Blooming Valley, which he followed till 1881. He served six years as Justice of the Peace. Was ordained Elder of the Methodist Episcopal Church in 1879. Our subject was married, May 20, 1865, to Nancy M., daughter of Hugh C. and Isabelle (Emrich) Thompson, of Mead Township, this county, and to this union were born eight children: Eva, Hugh S. (deceased), Gertrude, Lucretia B. (deceased), Lynn, Morris (deceased), Agnes and Ida. Hugh C. Thompson settled in Mead Township, this county, in 1854. He enlisted in the war of the Rebellion in 1862, serving three years, was taken prisoner and incarcerated in Andersonville and later in Salisbury prison, where he died of starvation. During that war Mr. Wygant also enlisted, January 23, 1864, in Company I, One Hundred and Eleventh Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, and participated in the battles of Resaca, Dallas, Pine Knob and many other engagements, and was honorably discharged with the entire regiment in August, 1865. Our subject has been a resident of Blooming Valley for thirty-seven years; has held the office of Constable seven years; County Auditor three years, and is now serving his second term as Justice of the Peace. He is a member of the K. of H. and K. L. of H. and State Police; in politics he is a Republican. His wife and eldest daughter are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

JAMESTOWN, MERCER COUNTY.

WILLIAM GIBSON, M. D., Jamestown, Mercer Co., Penn., was born January 22, 1813, in Oswego County, N. Y., son of Samuel and Mary (McDonald) Gibson, natives of Scotland, who came to America at the time of the insurrection, in 1791. The grandfather of our subject, father of Samuel Gibson, for political offenses had to flee his native country, and was put aboard a ship, concealed in a hogshead; he was safely landed at New York, and finally settled in Argyle, N. Y. He had six children, of whom Samuel was the oldest. Samuel, in 1812, emigrated to Oswego County, N. Y. (then thickly inhabited by Indians), called the "far West." Their mode of travel was on horseback and on foot along Indian trails. Samuel Gibson and John VanBuren, the brother of Martin VanBuren (subsequent President of the U. S.), purchased a large pine tract of land, put up mills, and shipped their lumber down the Oswego River to a French post on the bank of Lake Ontario, where the city of Oswego now stands.

Samuel Gibson died in 1815, leaving two children: William, our subject, then two years old, and Mary, the wife of Dr. William Cotton, of Brownsville, Penn., now deceased. Our subject spent his youth at Harrisburg, Penn., and there commenced the study of medicine with Dr. Samuel Agnew, of Harrisburg, Penn., resuming his studies with Dr. Alexander Proudfit, of Oswego, N. Y. He graduated at New York Medical University. The Doctor holds the oldest diploma on record in Mercer County, Penn. Our subject commenced the practice of medicine in the city of Oswego with Dr. Proudfit, his preceptor. In the fall of 1836 he left for St. Louis to resume his profession, but being detained *en route* at Jamestown, Penn., he concluded to remain there.

The line dividing Crawford and Mercer Counties originally passed nearly central through the village of Jamestown, Penn. That portion of South Shenango Township, Crawford County, by legislative action, was set over to the boro of Jamestown, and merged under the jurisdiction of Mercer County.

The Doctor was married to Susan, youngest daughter of Joseph Beatty, who resided near Meadville, Penn. They have no children. He and his wife live in a palatial residence with beautiful surroundings. Our subject is a man of influence and means; was the early pioneer, and an official in the construction of the several railroads centering at Jamestown, Mercer Co., Penn.; was President of the Jamestown & Franklin Railroad, and secured its construction to completion. He holds the largest interest in the Mercer Iron & Coal Company at Stoneboro, now producing in the aggregate 500 tons of coal per day; is also the largest stock owner in the Standard Mining Company, of Pennsylvania, and President of the Mica Mines in New Hampshire, also President of the Jamestown Banking Company; is largely interested in real estate, has donated by deed of trust the perpetual, annual, income of two large brick blocks in the city of Erie, Penn., (costing over $75,000) to the United Presbyterian Foreign Mission Board of the United States, for the free distribution of the Scriptures in Arabic in Egypt and Palestine. The Doctor's office and suite of rooms are the largest in the medical department of any in the county.

He and his wife have traveled extensively in Europe, Asia and Africa; were members of the Quaker City excursion party that Mark Twain graphically outlines in his journal as the Innocents Abroad. In his office cabinet are over 3,000 relics and mementoes he gathered from sacred places and of historic interest, about Jerusalem, Palestine and Egypt. In the collection are 285 genuine ancient coins, that date back 650 years prior to the Christian era, and down to the reign of the Roman Emperor Marcus Aurelius, A. D. 161. The collection consists of Assyrian, Babylonian, Roman, Greek and Hebrew coins, dug up by an English company running a tunnel of excavation along the ancient valley skirting the foundations of the old Jewish temple, while exploring by tunneling within the ancient military quarters in the Tyropeon Valley. The collection was given to the United States Consul at Jerusalem, who intended to donate them to the National Museum, Washington, D. C., but presented them instead to Dr. Gibson.

JOHN W. MARSHALL, Postmaster, Jamestown, Mercer Co., Penn.; born in S. Shenango Township, Crawford Co., Aug. 26, 1832, son of David and Mary (Waid) Marshall, and a grandson of Michael and Mary (Thompson) Marshall, who settled in this township in 1798, whose family were seven in number, Joseph, their eldest son, who still lives near Jamestown, being the first white child born in the township. David Marshall also had seven children—two by his first wife, and five by his second wife, Mary Waid—of whom our subject was the second child, as well as second son. Lieutenant John W. Marshall enlisted in the late war August 19, 1861, at Meadville, in Company F, Eighty-Third Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, under Capt. D. C. McCoy, Col. John W. McLane, commanding. After due preparation they left Erie City for Washington, D. C., encamping on Meridian Hill, and then on Hall's Hill, and there remained for the winter, undergoing rigid training necessary to meet the trials of actual war. He was Sergeant of his company when they took up the line of march for Manassas, and finally to Hampton Roads and thence into camp; and when spring opened the march commenced and then followed all the exciting contests of the Army of the Potomac down to the siege of Petersburg, the Weldon Railroad, and the close of the war. On January 27, 1862, our subject was promoted to be Sergeant-Major; on February, 1863, he was next promoted Second Lieutenant, and First Lieutenant on January 25, 1864, and discharged September 27, 1864. He then returned home, minus his left eye, satisfied with having discharged his duty toward his country. He was married October 5, 1869, to Martha, daughter of J. D. Pelton, who resides near Jamestown. Mrs. Marshall is the eldest of three children. Mr. Marshall was appointed Postmaster at Jamestown, and still holds that position. He is a member of the United Presbyterian Church, and in politics Republican.

REV. JOSEPH R. WALLACE, Jamestown, Mercer Co., Penn., was born in Hopewell Township, Beaver Co., Penn., April 21, 1842, and is a son of Joseph and Rachel (Spence) Wallace, who have been residents of Hopewell Township for over fifty years. His father was a native of this State; his mother came to this country when but two years of age from her native land, Ireland. They had a family of ten children, seven living, of whom our subject is the fifth child and third son. After receiving his primary education near home, he attended Beaver Academy one year, and at Westminster College five years. He then taught for two years at the Jamestown Seminary, after which he attended the Theological Seminary at Allegheny, Penn., under the auspices of the United Presbyterian Church, at which he gradu-

ated. He then settled in Jamestown, and on May 1, 1871, took charge of the United Presbyterian Church. He has written a concise history of the church. He was married, June 20, 1872, to Miss Isabel Robinson, and they have six children: Laura, Blanche, William C., Lyde Edith, Howard Clement, Joseph Allen and Jennie Robinson.

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